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SHANGHAI DANGER.

Tense Situation Becomes More Delicate.

INFLUX OF TROOPS.

British Forces Go Into Defence Line Outside Concession.

CLASHES ON THE BORDER.

Advanced Canton Forces Reach Sun Chuan-fang's Trenches.

The situation at Shanghai is still very tense, owing to the influx of stragglers from Sun Chuan-fang's army and reinforcements for Chang Tsung-chang.

The British troops have gone "into line" outside the Settlement boundaries, a step considered essential for proper defence.

The Shantung troops are in truculent mood, and clashes on the border threaten serious trouble in the future.

Advanced Nationalist forces are reported to be in contact with Sun Chuan-fang's troops who are digging themselves in near Sung Kiang.

DELICATE SITUATION.

Acute Shanghai Tension Continues.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

A situation of considerable tension continues at Shanghai. Advanced Cantonese Nationalist forces are reported to be in contact with Sun Chuan-fang's troops who are digging themselves in near Sung Kiang.

The arrival of disorganised and unofficerd stragglers from Sun's army on the one hand, and of Shantung reinforcements on the other adds to the delicacy of affairs in the city.

The authorities in the International Settlement have taken precautionary measures, including

CANTON'S LEADER.

General Chang Kai-shek Well Again.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
General Chang Kai-shek has recovered from dysentery.

mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteers, and the posting of troops at points along the cordon. The French Concession, which adjoins the Chinese City, is strongly guarded, and Italian and Japanese naval vessels have landed contingents in the International Settlement.—British Wireless Service.

"IN THE LINE."

British Troops Ready For Defence.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

British troops are today "in the line," that is they are occupying a defence line outside the International Settlement boundaries, the maintenance of which is regarded as indispensable for the defence of the City.

This action has been taken on the request of the Municipal Council, made in view of the situation which is being created by the arrivals of increasingly large numbers of Chinese troops from the North.

The defences of both the foreign settlements on their actual boundaries are being further strengthened by additional barred wire, etc.

Truculent Troops.

It is expected that the American and Japanese quotas for defence will be in line soon. The Italians are occupying their particular sector.

The Shantung troops, who have a bad reputation for behaviour are more truculent than Sun's.

Already there have been little clashes between the two on the Settlement border. So far, they have not been serious, but they foreshadow unpleasant possibilities.

Shopkeepers are striking at Nanking as a result of the Shantung troops' refusal to pay for purchases, or paying with "military notes," which are worth seventy per cent. of their face value.

Heavy Rain.

About four thousand foreign nationals reside in the area occu-

ped by the British troops outside the Settlement proper.

Heavy rain has been falling all day long. Most of the country is a quagmire. The general situation is comparatively quiet.

In the course of a proclamation, Chang Tsung-chang blames Communism for China's chaos. He says he purposes its extermination. He refers to Chang Kai-shek as a merciless robber and brutal beast.—Reuter.

WITHIN 30 MILES?

North Leads in Race For Shanghai.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's Northern army is leading in the race with the Cantonese for possession of Shanghai (i.e. referring essentially to the Chinese city and position).

General Peh She-cheng, commander of the 8th Fengtien Army, leads the Northern invasion as Director-in-Chief of Operations of the 5th Route. He is taking his instructions direct from General Chang Tsung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung province.

Late on Thursday night, General Peh arrived in the Chinese city of Shanghai. He states (according to the "Wah Ts Yat Po") that the first force of Shantung troops is 30,000 strong—moving in a continuous line on Shanghai—and that 20,000 have already crossed the Yangtse River at Nanking.

Arrive To-night.

Military observers believe that the full 30,000 will be in the vicinity of Shanghai by to-night. Arrangements are already being made for the major part of this expedition to move southwards from Shanghai and relieve Sun Chuan-fang's solely tried troops inside the Kiangsu border.

A Chinese cable says that three battalions of Cantonese (about 1,500 strong) have already taken up positions about 30 miles from Shanghai; as the vanguard of the main Nationalist Army, and that very little resistance has been offered by Sun Chuan-fang's defenders.

Five Northern cruisers are reported to be on route for Shanghai from Tsingtao.

YANGTSE TROUBLE.

Tightening of Boycott at Ichang.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local naval authorities:—

The boycott at Ichang has tightened.

Soldiers have been posted outside foreign premises there.

The situation, on the whole, is slightly improved.

A few more evacuees have arrived at Changsha.

Signs of troop activity downriver at Hankow continue.

Posters to Sailors.

Mr. O'Malley has returned from Kiangling from Hankow for the purpose of discussing with the Consul the basis of terms in connection with compensation in respect of property destroyed or damaged in recent riots.

Posters in English addressed to British sailors have made their appearance in Hankow.

The situation remains quiet.

Russian Soldiers.
Shantung troops continue to ar-

FLYING SQUAD.

Shot Fired By Member At Night.

SEQUEL TO SKIDDING.

A pistol shot was fired in town last night by Mr. Yung Sun-tin, a member of the Flying Squad.

After patrol on special police reserve duty, Mr. Yung was returning on his motor-cycle to the China Navigation Co.'s native-branch.

At the junction of Queen's Road, West and Queen's Street, the machine skidded and Mr. Yung was thrown to the ground with the cycle on top of him.

He states that a crowd gathered around him, somebody shouting "strike him to death." He accordingly drew his private automatic pistol, fired one round into the ground and, as far as he knows, nobody was injured. The crowd then dispersed.

rive at Nanking and proceed down river.

One Company consists of Russians entirely.

Anti-British posters have been posted in the City.

More Shantung troops continue to arrive at Chinkiang.

There is an increase in activity of movements of Chinese men-of-war at Chinkiang and above.

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE.

Right To Reply To The British.

Geneva, Feb. 25.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, on behalf of the Waichiao, has notified the League. Secretariat that China reserves the right to reply to the British Memorandum to the League.—Reuter.

SOVIET AGITATION

How The Chinese Are Made To Suffer.

In publishing certain information about the Soviet campaign in the Far East the "Daily Mail" reminds us that by the terms of the 1921 Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement the Soviet Government solemnly promised to refrain

SHANGHAI SHELLING.

French Legation's Strong Protest.

Peking, Feb. 26.

The French Legation has protested strongly to the Waichiao (Peking Foreign Ministry) with regard to the bombardment of the French Concession, making all reservations to claim for any damage inflicted thereby.—Reuter.

"from any attempt by military or diplomatic or any other form of action or propaganda to encourage any of the peoples of Asia in any form of hostile action against British interests." There is no doubt that Bolshevik action in China is in flat contradiction with this undertaking. A point for the Chinese to consider is, that in the malignant campaign of hatred they are carrying out against Britain they are causing enormous loss and abiding injury to the Chinese. The anxiety that has been shown over the closing of the foreign banks at Hankow is sufficient evidence of the losses that have been suffered by the Chinese themselves, equally of course with the damage done to British commercial interests. The interdependence of foreign and Chinese trade has been clearly shown, and the unfortunate losses inflicted have to be mutually borne.

Details of Changes.

To-day's Government "Gazette" announces that from April 1, wireless time signals now emitted by Stonecutters wireless telegraph station will be emitted by Cape d'Aguiar at the same times on the same wavelength, using interrupted continuous wave (I. C. W.).

The service for the exchange of meteorological traffic between ships at sea and Hong Kong at present handled by Cape d'Aguiar (V.P.S. on 600 metres will, from April 1 be transferred to the Royal Observatory wireless telegraph station, using the temporary call sign V.P.S.S. The station will receive and transmit on 800 metres using I.C.W.

Position of V.P.S.S. — Lat. 22-18-18.2 North; Long. 114-10-18.7 East.

The transmitter is of the Valve type, 1.5 K.W. size, using coupled circuits sharply tuned.

The Station is open for Meteorological Traffic only and will keep watch on 800 metres continuously excepting when engaged on

(Continued on Page 7.)

HOW IT WILL HELP.

Radiophone Broadcasting Locally.

SMALL SHIPS AND DISTRICTS.

"Well worth the \$20,000 it cost" was the opinion of an expert expressed yesterday to the "China Mail" on the subject of the radio telephone apparatus recently installed at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon.

The idea is believed to have originated with the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Not only will shipping benefit but residents in the outlying districts will get a free and valuable service.

The radiophone broadcasts weather reports in plain language, as distinct from the wireless messages in Morse.

150 Miles Radius.

Small coasting boats and some of the river ships cannot afford to carry a wireless operator. On an ordinary receiving set, they will be able to hear what the Observatory has to say and it will be in ordinary words.

It all depends on the set, but the radius of the radiophone is, at present, about 150 miles. Pratas Island, being a permanent station, and 180 miles away, has been in communication with the Observatory on the new system.

This Hong Kong Government radio telephone will work on a wave length of 300 metres.

An Aid to Sound Sleep.

During the typhoon season, reports will be sent out very often, at least an hour or so once the No. 1 (stand-by) signal goes up, even if there is no change in the weather.

A number of residents in outlying districts and in the New Territories are unable to see the storm signals. But if, after dinner, one can pick up the latest forecast on an ordinary receiving set, anxiety will be relieved as to whether it will be judicious to lock all the windows before finally turning in.

Central Organisation.

"Small" boats up the river and off the adjoining coast will also be able to receive practically up-to-the-minute advice as to the position and characteristics of a typhoon.

At present the receipt and despatch of weather reports is done through Cape d'Aguiar station, passing steamers co-operating by informing the Observatory of conditions in their respective positions. It is understood that the installation of the radio telephone is part of a scheme whereby the broadcasting (and receipt) of weather news will come under one control at the Observatory.

Morse as Well.

Sending out by the radiophone does not mean that there will be no more wireless reports in Morse for the ships which carry operators and which can either receive or send.

Prospects depend to a slight extent on atmospheric conditions but it will generally be conceded that the radiophone is a step in the right direction, and befitting a port of Hong Kong's size.

And the cost of erection did not exceed the estimated vote of \$20,000.

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MURDER MYSTERY.

A Well Dressed Chinese Woman.

FOUND ON HILLSIDE.

Mystery at present surrounds the death of a well dressed Chinese woman whose age must have been about 30.

Her body was found by the Police on the hillside at Hau Pui Lung village (near Kowloon City), but in the Hungnam police district.

There were three wounds in her forehead, presumably causing her death. Until medical examination is complete it is not possible to say whether the wounds were inflicted by a sharp weapon or by bullets.

The corpse was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary. No money was found and investigations are proceeding.

HOTEL THEFTS.

EUROPEAN ARRESTED THIS MORNING.

GLENEALY HOTEL CASE.

A series of reported thefts from various rooms in Glenealy Hotel during recent weeks, coupled with the vigilance of the Police, lead to the arrest this morning of Ernest Trevor, described as an American-born British naturalised subject.

Trevor, who arrived in the Colony a month or so ago has recently been living in a cubicle on the first floor of Ah Pong's ship-chandler's shop in Connaught Road Central.

On Wednesday morning a French lady arrived in the Colony and booked a room at Glenealy Hotel. Among the lady's baggage was a

MORE TRANSPORTS DUE.

Two Vessels May Arrive Here To-morrow.

The s.s. "Kildonan Castle" is due in Hong Kong to-morrow but the naval authorities are unable to give any definite time of arrival.

The s.s. "Kinfauns Castle" is slightly behind her sister ship but it is thought that she too might make Hong Kong some time to-morrow.

On board the Castle transports are the 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters staff, Divisional Signals, the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment and the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

revolver with six rounds of ammunition, the property of her husband. This was missed from the lady's room during the course of the afternoon and as Trevor was known to have been on the premises during the period, the vigilance of the Police was intensified.

Permit for Revolver.

Yesterday morning Trevor applied at the arms office for a permit to take a revolver to Canton on Sunday and was told by the officer in charge to return this morning, when the permit would be ready.

Upon his arrival this morning, Det. Sgt. Murphy promptly produced a search warrant and accompanied Trevor to Ah Pong's shop.

Here was found not only the stolen revolver, but a quantity of other property stolen from the same hotel during recent weeks.

Trevor will be charged before Mr. R. E. Lingsell on Monday morning.

STORM SIGNALS.

After March 1, non-local storm signals according to the China Seas Storm Signal Code will be displayed on the roof of No. 49 Godown of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, as well as on the Signal Hill, Kowloon.

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Pictures etc., etc.

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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3**

NOTICES.**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
in this Corporation will be held at
City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATUR-
DAY, the 26th February, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Court of Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 14th February
to SATURDAY, the 26th February,
1927 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors.
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the EIGHTH ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux
Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. SATUR-
DAY, February the 26th, 1927, for
the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, 19th February to
SATURDAY, 26th February 1927,
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period no transfer of shares can be
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By Order of the Board of
Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb. 1927.

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MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of
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Hotels, Ltd. will be held at the
Registered Office of the Company
(Exchange Building, Des Voeux
Road Central, Hong Kong), on
FRIDAY, the 4th day of March,
1927, at eleven o'clock in the fore-
noon, for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Board of Directors
for the year ended on the 31st
December, 1926, confirming the
appointment of Directors and re-
electing a Director and the Audi-
tors.

By Order of the Board,
C. G. COPLEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1927.

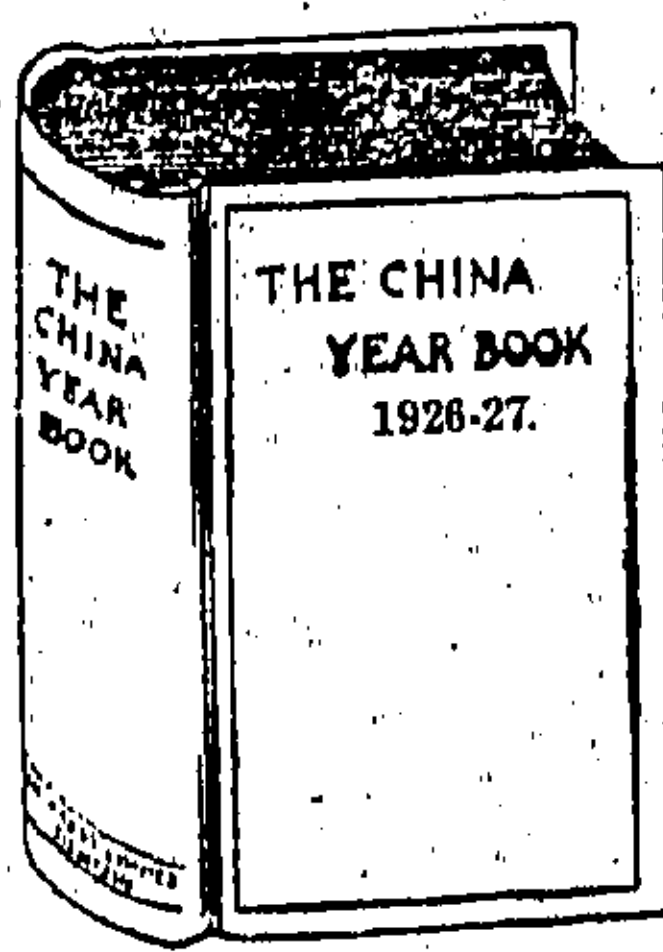
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ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
will be held at the Company's
Office, P. & O. Building, on
SATURDAY, 5th March 1927, at
11 a.m. for the purpose of present-
ing the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1926,
and electing Directors and Audi-
tors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
21st February to 5th March, 1927,
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By Order of the Board of
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February, the 1st and 2nd March,
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CLOSED at 1 p.m.

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The Hong Kong Dispensary will
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pensing prescriptions from 6 p.m.
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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
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RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will
open for the transaction of
Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on
MONDAY, TUESDAY and
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**HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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MONDAY 28th February, TUES-
DAY 1st March, WEDNESDAY
2nd March and SATURDAY 5th
March.

By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL SHOW of
FLOWERS & VEGETABLES
will be held at VOLUNTEER
HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY,
10th MARCH, 1927.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY
CLOSE at 1 P.M., on MONDAY,
28th FEBRUARY, 1927, at the
Hon. Secretary's Office.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN
SENT TO ALL MEMBERS WHO
HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIP-
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MEMBERS who have NOT yet
PAID their SUBSCRIPTION and
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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

**NOTICES.****G. R.
NOTICE.**

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED that during the
Race Days, Kennedy Road will be
open one way to Motor Traffic.
West to East from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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(Sd.) E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING 1927**

28th February, 1st, 2nd &
5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission
are now ready and may be
obtained by those Members, who
have not already received them,
from Messrs. Linstead & Davis,
Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these
Badges will also admit them to all
the Extra Race Meetings of this
year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of
introducing two non-members to
the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are
available and may be obtained from
Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexan-
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day February 26th, 1927, at a cost
of \$10 each per day, or \$30 for
the Meeting.

The charge for admission for
Ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$4 per day. Each member
can obtain upon application to
the Secretary, badges for the ad-
mission of two Ladies free of
charge. On no pretext will chil-
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enclosure during the first three
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By Order,
C. E. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

NOTICES.**MASONIC SERVICE.****DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY
IN HONG KONG AND
SOUTH CHINA.**

THE R. W. D. G. M. S. C., has
received an invitation for
members of Scottish Lodges wishing
to attend the service in St. John's
Cathedral, on SUNDAY, the 27th
inst. at 6 p.m. To Assemble with
the Brethren of the English Lodges,
after robing at the CATHEDRAL
HALL, NOT LATER THAN 5.50
p.m.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

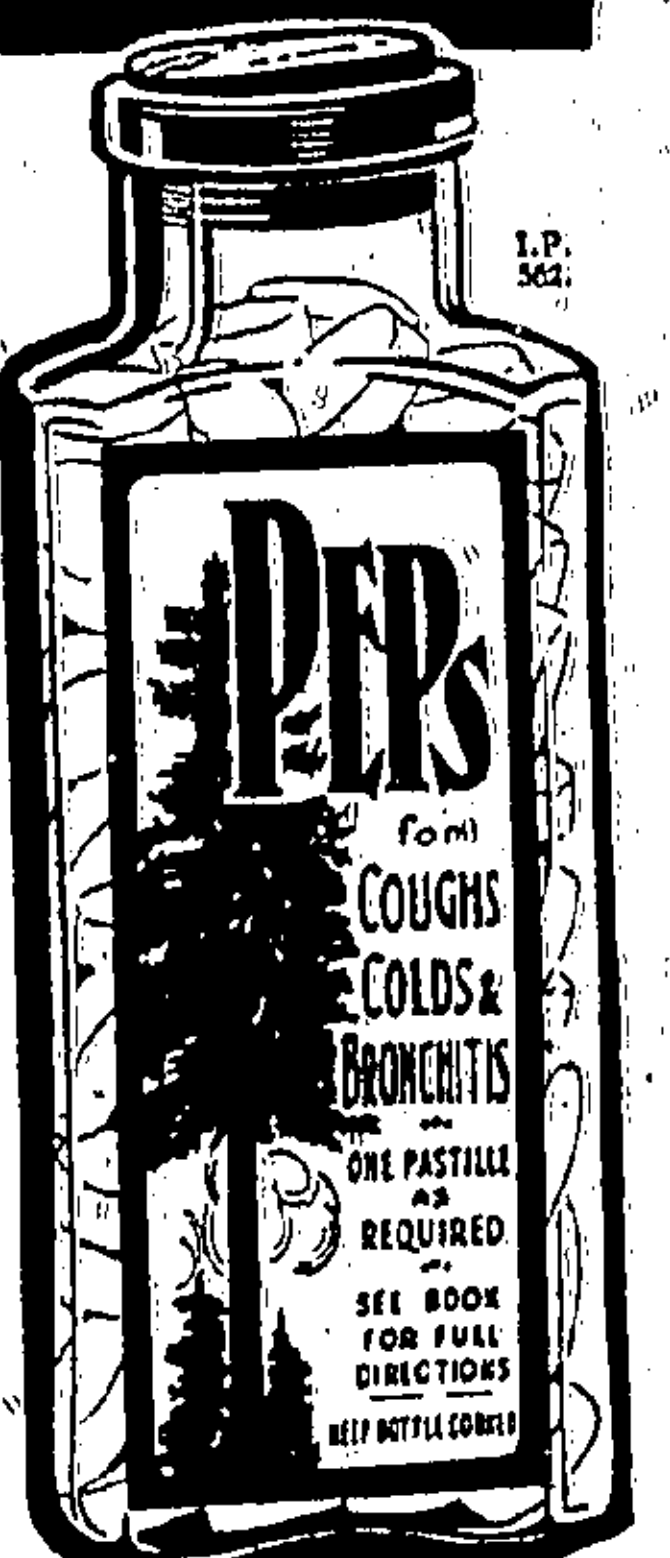
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that all will make an effort to
attend.

All service Brethren are Cor-
dially invited to attend.

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able for robing, and Brethren are
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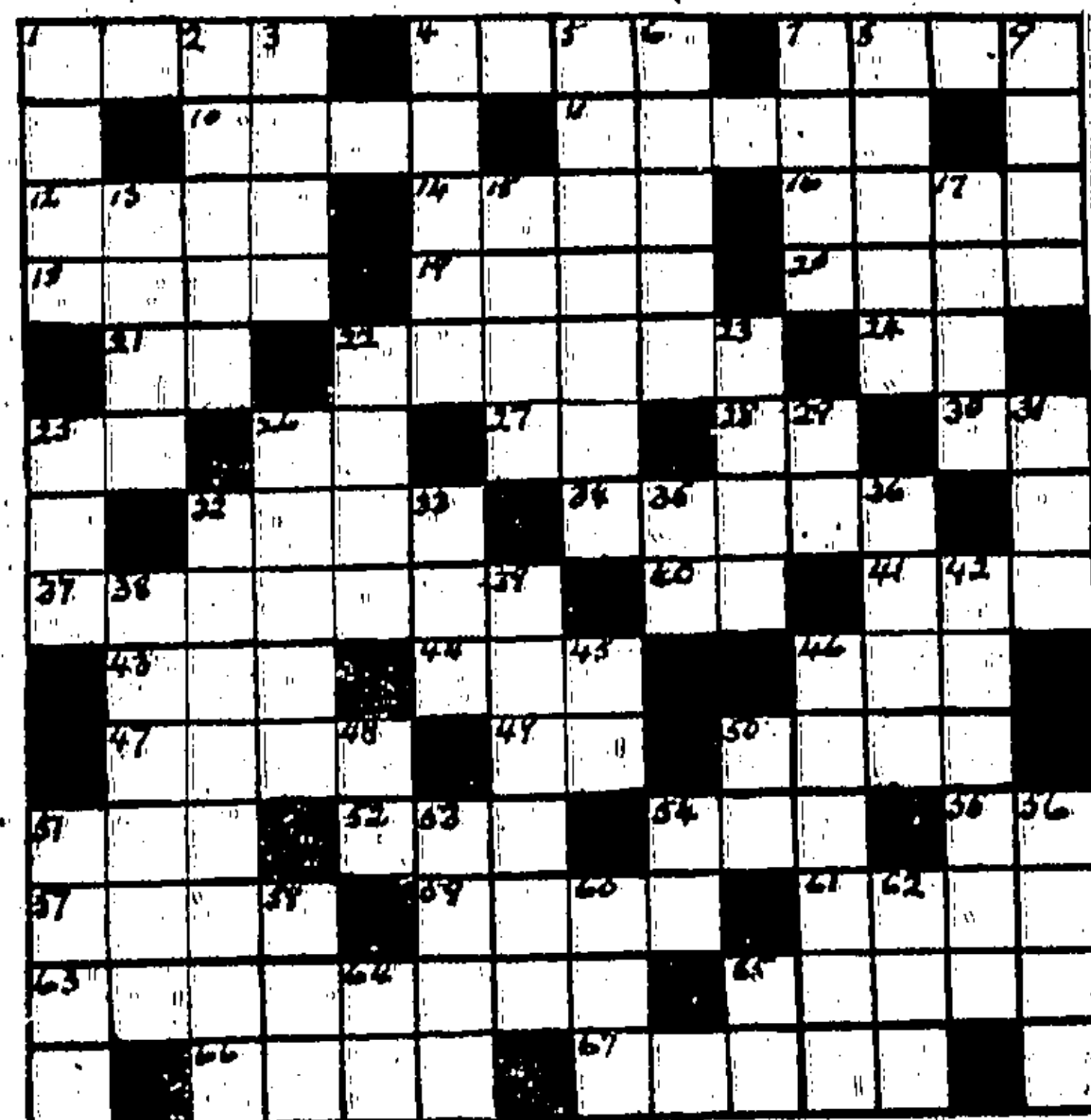
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5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
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8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
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14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



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[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, FEB. 28.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. To go quickly.
4. A blow.
7. A vessel for holding liquor.
10. Close by.
11. In front.
12. To temper by heat.
14. Noting passage inwards.
16. Dutch colonist (South Africa).
18. A cry.
19. One who does anything.
20. Eject loathingly.
21. H. L. (actual).
22. Earnestly desires for some-thing.
24. T. G. (actual).
25. Not so.
26. T. E. (actual).
27. Denotes surprise (interj.).
28. 1st per: sing: of verb "to be."
30. E. A. (actual).
32. Found in sea water (for seasoning).
34. Very fond of.
37. Tumbles down or falls over.
40. With reference to.
41. H. S. T. (actual).
43. P. H. E. (actual).
44. To stain or colour something.
46. A simpleton.
47. A period at school.
49. Like this.
50. A vessel for heating water.
51. Respectful title for a man.
52. To perform on the stage.
54. Fuses.
55. P. R. (actual).
57. To prepare food for eating.
59. Aerial or spiritual.
61. Underside of foot.
63. Soldiers and sailors wear them.
65. A sea nymph.
66. Native of Denmark.
67. All writings not in verso.

Clues Down.

1. A part connecting two parts.
2. A twisted knot in wood.
3. Eel like.
4. State of being proud.
5. Belonging to the side.
6. A sharp woody spine.
7. Types of horse vehicles.
8. To take another's child as one's own.
9. A circuit.
13. Imitation.
15. The man who built an ark.
17. Well done!
22. To scream.
23. To rescue.
25. A one celled fruit.
26. Small wax candle.
29. Personal pronoun.
31. Liable.
32. A body nearly spherical.
33. To spread grass.
35. Alternative.
36. To avoid.
38. One's choice.
39. Regular method.
42. An iron loop or a looped nail.
45. E. O. (actual).
46. Inability to raise the upper eyelid.
48. Mother.
50. Editor (abbrev.).
51. To run quickly.
53. Heedfulness.
54. A Y. (actual).
56. To split.
58. K. F. A. (actual).
60. R. S. P. (actual).
62. Raw metal.
64. Not off.
66. Thus.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

BIG LINER'S ORDEAL.

HUMAN HEAPS IN PALM COURT.

THIRTY PEOPLE INJURED.

Southampton, Jan. 14.—Furniture was thrown about, and about thirty passengers were injured in the Cunard liner "Berengaria," which arrived at Southampton this evening from New York, after a difficult voyage in a violent storm which broke in the Atlantic.

The vessel behaved magnificently in spite of a severe tossing. She was struck by very heavy seas, and at 1.30 a.m. on Thursday rolled heavily, with the result that passengers in the bunks and the Palm Court were thrown into heaps.

Two had limbs broken. They were Miss McCourt, of Detroit, who was making a business trip to this country, and a Roumanian subject, Abraham Schoenfeld.

The ship's surgeon and his assistants were occupied throughout the night.

A quantity of the ship's furniture, such as tables and chairs, was smashed, and in the Palm Court, where a number of passengers were sitting, chairs and tables were piled up in a corner, into which some of the passengers were thrown.

In the second-class quarters the effect of the roll was not quite so serious. Ted Broadbribb, the boxing manager, was returning with a party of boxers who had been engaged in fights in America. The party included A. Baldock, Jack Hood, and Al Mancini. They were engaged in a game of dominoes when the ship gave her big lurch.

Boxer's Aid.
Mr. Broadbribb was watching the game when he was suddenly thrown from his seat in a somersault. "I was extremely lucky. I landed on my feet, and, except for the shock, I received no injuries." Mancini and Hood went to the rescue of those who had been thrown about, and they were the first to help the Roumanian passenger who was severely injured.

The commander of the "Berengaria" said that the vessel experienced "really bad weather." "We had a bad day of it," he said. "A fresh north-west gale started on Wednesday afternoon, and strengthened towards the evening. Heavy squalls sprang up and the seas were very heavy and irregular. This caused the ship to roll heavily."

"No ship could have done better in the irregular seas that we experienced. We noticed about a half a mile away that the 'Homeric' was driving into the waves, and she seemed to be shipping heavy seas. At that time, however, we were just leaving the storm behind us."

Pram. "Garages."
Mr. Claude Leigh, who landed from the "Berengaria," has been studying American methods in dealing with slum property. Some of the ideas he obtained he will use in a big scheme which he has in hand in the Old Kent Road district, London. Among them are plans for central heating "garages" for perambulators, and tenement nurseries.

Mr. J. Stokes, of Dulwich, said that this was his 20th Atlantic crossing, but the experience was one of the worst he could remember.

"Considering the really alarming seas I think the women passengers' conduct was splendid," he added. "I did not notice one case of panic, and at the height of the excitement most of the women, though rather pale, were joking about the matter and trying to appear unconcerned."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on March 2.

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PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION BILL.

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The proposed measure has been rendered necessary by the fact that the premiums charged, and the calls made upon members of the Associations during the war pro-

AMERICA'S NAVY.

Construction of Three New Cruisers.

Washington, Feb. 25.

The House of Representatives, reversing its previous attitude in over-riding President Coolidge's budget recommendations, supported by the Senate's action in voting funds to construct three light cruisers, has adopted a motion to provide \$450,000 to start work on the vessels.

duced a fund which proved to be more than sufficient to cover the losses arising from the risks insured, so that reserves have accumulated which on August 4 last aggregated, with interest, \$1,000,326.

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Future of Sums Allocated.

The draft Bill also provides that the sums so allocated "shall be deemed to be the property of the Associations respectively and no person shall be entitled to the repayment of any calls or premiums paid by him in respect of war risks policies or to any portion of the accumulated fund or interest thereon except in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

A further Clause provides that notwithstanding anything in its memorandum or articles of association (a) Each Association may distribute the sum so allocated to it or such part thereof as the directors or committee as the case may be may from time to time determine among such persons being past, present or future members of the Association in such proportions and subject to such terms and conditions as the Association may by extraordinary resolution determine; and (b) The balance of any such sum for the time being remaining after such distribution may be applied in or towards the payment of any losses, claim or expenses of the Association in such manner as the directors or committee as the case may be may from time to time determine.

The costs incidental to the Act will be paid by the Associations.

FAR EAST PORTS.

The health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Feb. 19 is as follows:
Plague: 2 cases at Bombay, 5 at Rangoon, 1 at Sourabaya, 1 at Saigon, 2 at Colombo.
Cholera: 1 case at Bombay, 36 at Calcutta, 5 at Bangkok, 12 at Rangoon.
Small-pox: 35 cases at Bombay, 208 at Calcutta, 16 at Rangoon, 3 at Bangkok, 10 at Vladivostok, 3 at Yagapatan.

ITALIAN SHIPPING.

FRESH ACTIVITY OF THE LINER COMPANIES.

It is reported that the Navigazione Generale Italiana has "under consideration the question of extending its activities on the Central American service, particularly in the organisation of passenger services with the motor liners "Orizzonte" and "Virgilio," and it is not beyond the ideas of this company to start a de luxe liner service between Italy and the South Pacific coast, via the Panama Canal. In other directions also Italian shipowners are showing a good deal of activity. In the Adriatic the Società Veneziana di Navigazione a Vapore announce an extra sailing of the Sun Michele to Calcutta, while the Lloyd Triestino are inaugurating a special fortnightly sailing from Trieste to Piræus and Stamboul with the "Tonicia" and "Carinthia." It is regarded that these announcements undoubtedly indicate a policy directed towards extending the services of these companies towards the East. Further it is rumoured that the Società Italiana di Servizi Marittimi has decided to increase its capital from 20,000,000 lire to 40,000,000 lire.

A statement has recently been made to a member of the "Giornale d'Italia," who has recently been in Genoa, pointing out the danger of the competition noticed during the last few months on the ordering of new large liners. It is suggested that the Italian steamship concerns should reconsider their policy, in view of the possibility of this development affecting the efficiency of the Italian Mercantile Marine. It is interesting to recall in this connection that the launch of the "Vulcania," the fast 22,000-ton motor liner, sister ship to the "Saturia," built at the Cantieri Navali Triestino at Monfalcone, for the Cosulich Line, will take place on December 19. The naming ceremony will be performed by Princess Maria, the youngest daughter of the King of Italy, and Signor Mussolini, who is considered (says the statement of the Cosulich Line) the chief factor of this revival of Italy on the seas will also be present.

SEA LIGHTS AT ALTAR.

Lowestoft's autumn harvest of herrings realised £150,000 less than in 1925, and was caught at a greatly increased cost owing to expensive foreign coal. But a stranger visiting the ancient parish church of St. Margaret would have found little evidence of the difficulties of these times.

The occasion was the annual thanksgiving service for the harvest of the sea. Decorations had been arranged by a party of fishermen under the direction of Mr. John Swan, one of the North Sea fishermen who have received the gold medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution—the "V.C." of the Lifesaving service. Brown herring nets festooned each aisle, and trawlers' flags hung in nave and chancel. Round the pulpit was the Pilot Jack, and canvas net, buoys, lifebelts, quarter crane herring-baskets, and mackerel-boxes were placed about the font. For the evening service the regulation red, green, and white lights of a herring-boat at sea hung over the altar.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 28
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF ASIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 19
EMPEROR OF CANADA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 22	July 31
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CANADA MARU Friday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA.—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Saturday, 26th February.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.

BANGKOK.—Via Saigon.
KOHO MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

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ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) Saturday, 26th February.
HAIPHONG.—Via HOIHOW & PAKKOL.

TAKEWA MARU Thursday, 3rd March.
NEW YORK.—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ARGUN MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 16th April.

JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 12th March.

ALASKA MARU Monday, 14th April.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.

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TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Hoile, Thursday
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MACE DONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,319	8th March	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,300	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,014	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,940	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,900	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	20th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,618	20th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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On her first trip back from Shanghai after the recent piracy, the s.s. "Sunning" had two Chinese cooks in trouble this morning. They were charged with possession of 58 taels and 55 taels, respectively, of Kiangsi raw opium. The value of each lot is about \$200.

Revenue Officer W. Ward (prosecuting) said, that the cooks were arrested on the praya and admitted being carriers.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell imposed fines of \$2,000 each (or nine months' hard labour).

"JUMPED" SHIP.

AN AMERICAN SEAMAN IN
DISTRESS.

GIVES HIMSELF UP.

C. H. Stanley (28), an American seaman, pleaded guilty before Major, C. Willson, at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, to a charge of vagrancy and was committed to the House of Detention.

According to his narrative, he "jumped" ship in Japan but was sent on another boat to Shanghai as a passenger. The American Consul at Shanghai had sent him to Hong Kong, where the Consulate General held out hopes of employment on another vessel in the next few days.

As he was destitute, he surrendered to the police for the interval.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 26, 1927.

Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. A. Adler, Messrs. W. P. Barnes, A. Baker, Pay. Comdr. and Mrs. W. E. G. Burtenshaw, Miss A. Bollinger, Messrs. D. E. Clark, E. J. Carmichael, Miss C. Cook.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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FIGHT ON SHIP.

DEATH OF ONE CARGO
COOLIE.

TWO OTHERS INJURED.

Canton, Feb. 25.

A fight between cargo coolies on board the s.s. "Sai On" when at berth below the Luen Hing wharf, West Bund, caused the death of one coolie and the wounding of two.

Two women passengers missed their footing and fell into the river when leaving the steamer in a hurry to escape from the trouble. Fortunately they were quickly rescued, and were none the worse for the immersion.

Bamboos and Daggers.

It appears that a coolie belonging to one gang was deprived of his job by another belonging to another gang, who offered a lower charge for carrying the baggage of a certain passenger.

This led to an altercation. Hatchets, bamboo poles and daggers were employed in the fighting. When the police arrived, both parties sneaked away and dispersed. The injured men were sent to hospital.—"Anten Gazette."

POLAND'S SHIPPING.

CEREMONY AT NEW PORT OF
GDYNIA.

An event of considerable importance took place at Gdynia, Poland's new port, when the Polish flag was run up on five vessels of the new commercial fleet. The Government was represented at the ceremony by M. Kwiatkowski, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and those present included members of the Government, local authorities, Representatives of the Diet, and M. Strassburger, Polish Commissioner General at Danzig.

M. Kwiatkowski, in the course of a speech, spoke of 1926 as a year of real hard work, which had resulted in a balanced Budget and restoration of the country's economic life.

The ceremony marked an important stage in Poland's history on the sea.

M. Zaluski, President at the Naval Committee of the Diet, said that with the recovery of its independence of life, Gdynia, once a small fishing village, was now a city and a port. If any attempt were made to challenge Poland's title to that soil the whole country would rise up in its defence. The ceremony was purely pacific, and marked another step forward in Poland's commercial progress.

BRAINS AND PROSPERITY.

The Right Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Chamber of Shipping, and an ex-President of the Board of Trade, in the course of an article analysing "The Shipping Position," in the Annual Returns Issue of "Fairplay," writes:—

"These hard times have anyhow shown that we have not exhausted our ingenuity. It has been turned to improving the organisations of our large and small concerns—do much for the shipowners' office and commercial ramifications. And, simultaneously, the builders of engines, and in a less degree the builders of hulls, are straining their wits to invent economies and better speed on less fuel, and simpler and more effective equipment. Brains are at work, and if only Parliaments and Ministers of Finance, and masters of industry and trade union leaders will be able and sympathetic for five or ten years, the mind of man, and of the shipping man in particular, will surmount all our present difficulties."

USUAL STORY.

HONG KONG JUNK ROBBED
IN CANTON.

LOOT OF \$70 SILVER.

The usual story of a piracy in the Canton River delta was told to the Police yesterday by the master of salt junk No. 156.

As long ago as Jan. 4, the boat left Tai O (Hong Kong) with a cargo of salt for Kwaichow in the Shuntak silk district.

The salt was sold for \$150. On Jan. 18, thirty armed men boarded the junk in Chinese waters, held up the crew, ransacked the boat and got away with \$70 in Canton subsidiary silver coin, together with two pieces of clothing.

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Hong Kong Station, Feb. 24, 1927.

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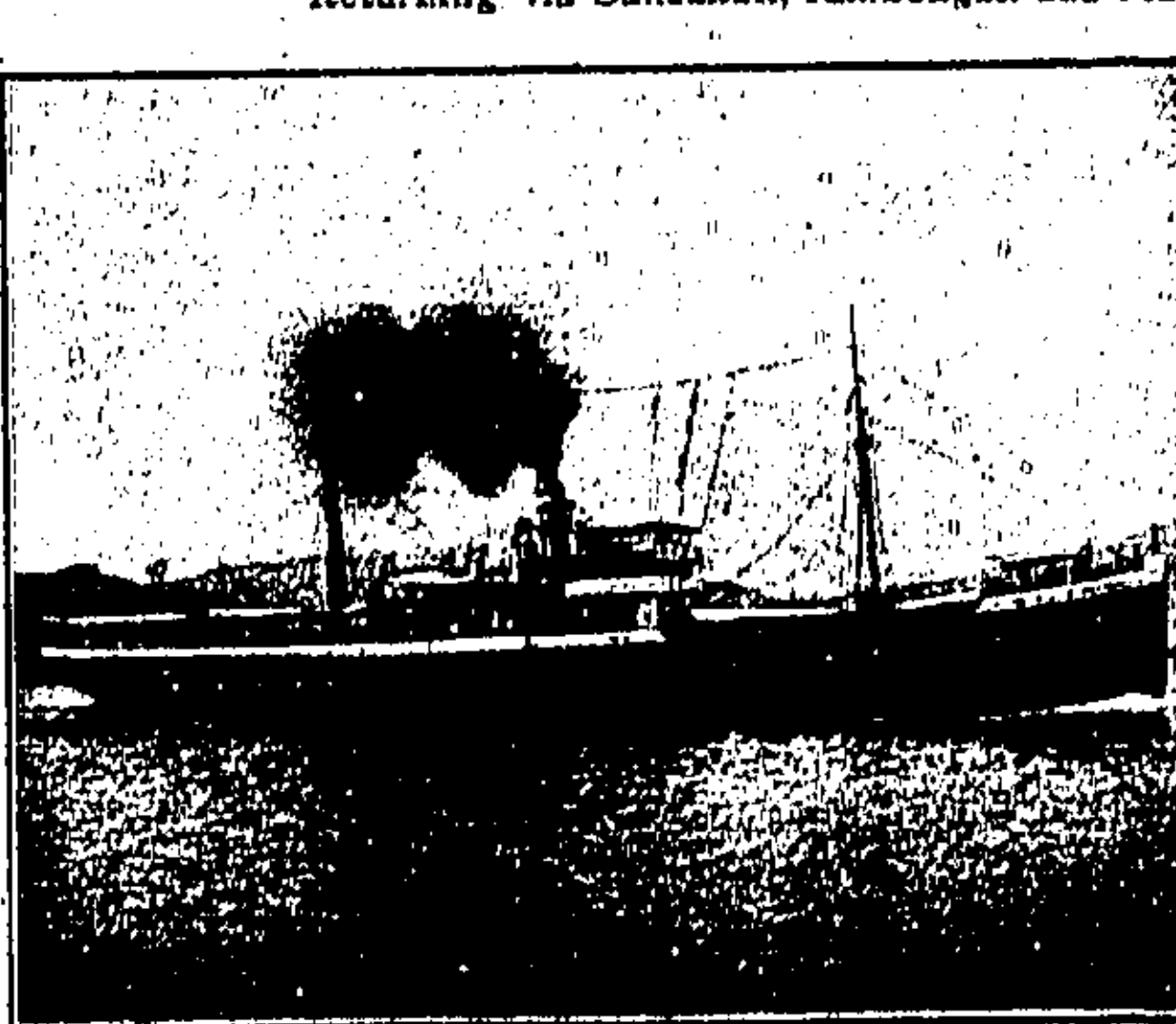
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Mar. 22	Seattle	Gen. Washington	Apr. 20	3rd S'p'gton Apr. 27
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Hammer	Apr. 30	4th S'p'gton May 7
Apr. 6	Seattle	Loquatun	May 11	5th S'p'gton May 17
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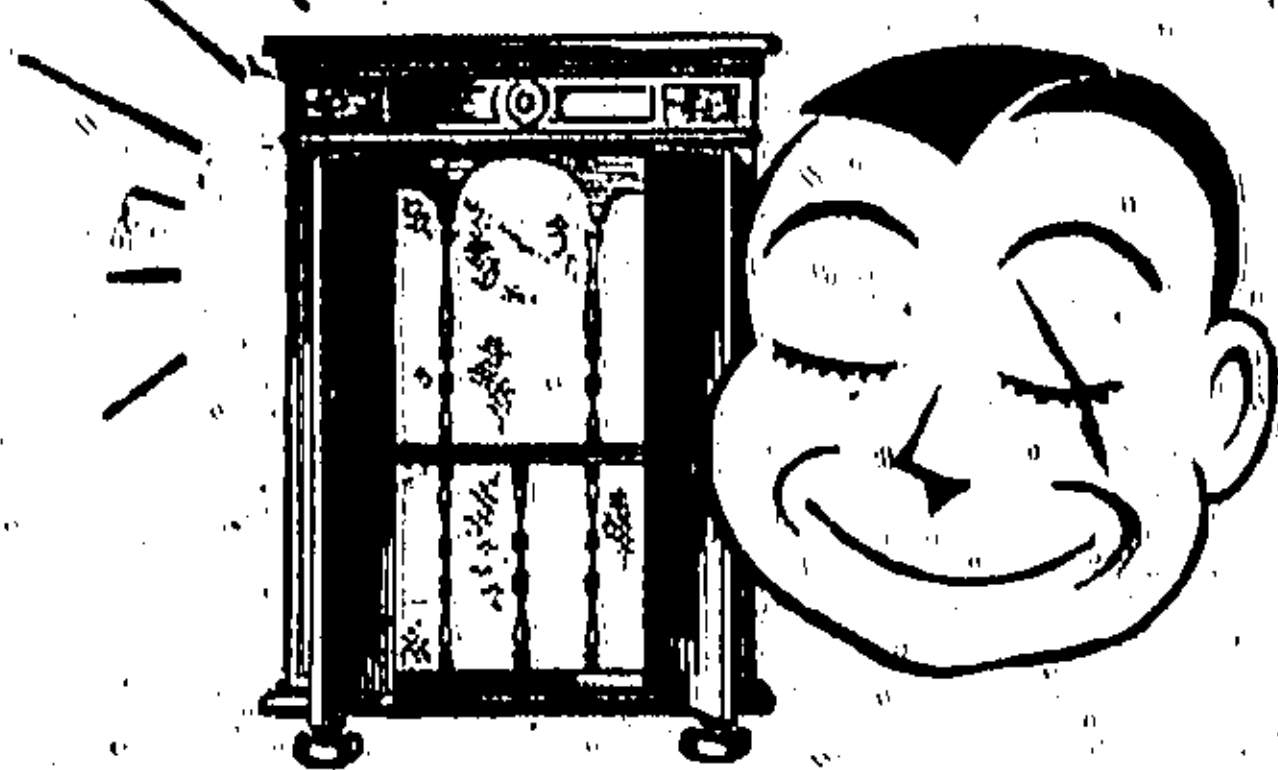
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DEATH.

GRAYBURN.—On 25th February,
at Camberley, Rath, wife of
V. M. Grayburn.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Feb. 26, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The most sensation-mongering
novelist could conceive of no
more hazardous adventures with
which to enshroud his hero in a
halo of glory than those depicted
yesterday in Hong Kong in the
cold, matter of fact language cus-
tomary to Police Court proceed-
ings. But whilst the ingredients
for the most thrilling "penny
shocker" of modern days were
present, it would have taxed the
ingenuity of the most imagina-
tive of writers to have provided a
halo round the heads of the weary
and travel-stained deserters
from the French Foreign Legion
who formed the subject of the
charge. Adventures they could
provide in plenty—prisoner-of-
war service in Westphalian coal
mines; conscript service in the
French Foreign Legion against
the Moors of Barbary; association
with criminals in road construction
in the wildernesses of Indo-
China; escape, with others, after
repeatedly unsuccessful attempts,
over the border into Kwangsi; the
thinning of their ranks by floods,
famine and marauding wild
beasts and the final arrival of the
remnants (two in all) in Hong
Kong, footsore, weary and penni-
less. Could anything be more
thrilling than their story and
could anything be more pitiful
than their condition? Of the ser-
vice of the French Foreign
Legion we would write

nothing but praise for
the spirit in which men who,
whilst not French subjects,
fought heroically in the Great
War and other French national
enterprises and maintained the
excellent reputation the Legion
Etrangere has established. The
gallantry of the Legion has
been pictured in a film which,
curiously enough, is being
screened at the Queen's Theatre.
Britain herself had former-
ly occasion to be thank-
ful for the service of a simi-
lar body of men. The last occa-
sion in which a British Foreign
Legion saw active service was
during the Crimean war. But
could anything be more expres-
sive than the story of these desti-
tute deserters, of the futility and
disappointment of adventures,
however thrilling, when the par-
ticipants enter into them unwill-
ingly and with no appreciation of
the betterment of human knowl-
edge or affairs in which alone
war or hazardous, imposed tasks
are justifiable in common sense
or allowable in the interests of
humanity?

A dual meaning might be read
into the indication given to the
Volunteer Defence Corps by the
General Officer Commanding at the
annual inspection that the
time might arrive when on them
alone would devolve the defence
of the Colony. General Luard
might have been thinking of the
possibilities of events so develop-
ing in the North that the Colony
would be left temporarily with-
out regular troops, or he might
have been looking to the time
when peaceful and well-governed
neighbouring provinces would no
longer necessitate the permanent
stationing of troops in South
China. Judging from the re-
marks which followed at a later
stage of his address, it would ap-
pear that the former contingency
was in his mind at the time.
Plans are in hand, he indicated,
for increasing the fire power of
the Volunteer Corps a hundred
per cent. by the provision of forty
machine guns and by the forma-
tion of an Army Service Corps
attached to the Corps which it is
hoped will develop into a useful
supply unit in the event of mobil-
isation. Yet, another significant
fact in support of this theory as
to what lay behind the General's
brief reference is the recent ap-
pointment of a regular Adjutant.
"The wonderful keenness of all
ranks" which has impressed the
new Adjutant is a hopeful augury

for the willing and capable dis-
charge of such fuller duties should
the need arise. It is a pity that
the scheme for having a Royal
Naval Reserve working in co-
operation appears to have fallen
through, for the time being, at
any rate, but thereby remains
less excuse for able-bodied young
men to continue outside the
Corps. Its numbers are now over
500. There is no reason why this
should not in time be increased to
1,000. In Shanghai the percent-
age of young men in the Volun-
teers is much higher than here.
It is up to the youth of the Colony
to strengthen the hands of
those who are working for its de-
fence and at the same time to pro-
vide themselves with valuable
training, good comradeship and
healthful recreation.

A correspondent this week has
raised the matter of the War
Memorial Hospital and the alleged
"abandonment" of the idea of
erecting the Hospital on the re-
cently completed site adjoining
Stubbs Road. Whilst averse from
passing an opinion on other mat-
ters, relating to the employment
of architects and their qualifica-
tions, we might point out that
there are certain difficulties to
the proposals for "advising the
public of any change in the pro-
posals and taking into their con-
fidence by those in control of
those who subscribed to the
scheme." The proposal, it would
appear, is not "to erect a less ex-
pensive building on a more suit-
able site" but to enlarge and con-
siderably improve the present
Peak Hospital, the scheme being
incorporated in that which origi-
nally had as its object the sepa-
rate erection above the Peak Road
of a War Memorial Nursing
Home. Certain difficulties were
met in the adoption of a formula
to meet with the approval of
those concerned with the incep-
tion of the scheme; in this con-
nection it may be recalled that for
some time the Government has
run the Peak Hospital which was
lent to it rent free as the result
of the action of a public spirited
gentleman. There remain to be
consulted the trustees represent-
ing subscribers, both Chinese and
foreign, the Government interest
by reason of its contribution and
the legal question involved in any
possible change of policy. If and
when these have been settled it is
surely reasonable to expect that
a full statement of the position
will be made by the Government.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I should like to endorse
"Square Deal's" remarks anent
the proposed War Memorial Hos-
pital.

There is undoubtedly no
legitimate reason why this
scheme should not be made a local
competition, instead of being
given to any one architect or firm
of architects in particular. Hong
Kong architects, I am sure, would
be only too willing to compete; it
would at least ensure a certain
amount of work in their offices,
which for a considerable time
past has been conspicuous by its
absence; and would prove bene-
ficial to the profession generally.
All designs can be forwarded
to Government and sent to the
R.I.B.A. London, for assessment.
This eliminates the possibility of
prejudice or partiality, if an
assessor were appointed locally.

I sincerely trust that Govern-
ment will see their way to adopt
"Square Deal's" suggestion.
Enclosing my card.

Yours, etc.,

"TEB SQUARE."

Hong Kong, Feb. 25.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—On the eve of the closing
of the entries may I, through the
courtesy of your columns, appeal
to all residents who have gardens
to give every assistance possible
in making the coming Flower
Show to be held on March 10 a
success.

The recent rain and fog has
blasted the hopes of many, parti-

cularly residents on the Peak,
including myself, but I am still
sufficiently optimistic to hope
that the Clerk of the Weather
will yet be merciful and give us
at least one week of decent weath-
er in which to retrieve what at
the moment appears to be a hope-
less task.

A point to be borne in mind is
that there is no obligation, mone-
tary or otherwise, attaching to
intending exhibitors and al-
though it means more work for
myself, it is far better that in-
tending exhibitors should enter
everything that has the slightest
chance of being up to standard on
the day of the Flower Show than
not to enter at all, as it was
amply demonstrated last year
that a few days of really good
weather can work wonders in a
garden.

Entries close at 1 p.m. on
Monday and I trust that all those
who can spare the time will de-
vote this week-end to shroffing
up their gardens and making out
their entries on the lines I have
indicated above.

Yours, etc.,

E. B. C. HORNELL,

Hon. Secretary,

Hong Kong Horticultural Society,
Hong Kong, Feb. 25.

DOLLAR DAY.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AT
WHITEWAYS.

BARGAINS FOR MONDAY.

Monday is Dollar Day at
Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's.
At all times of the year, White-
aways have stationery and other
stocks in which full value is
given for a dollar.

Monday, however, is a day on
which even more exceptional
value is to be given for the
exclusive note. Articles from all
departments which have to give
way to new stocks will be on sale
for a dollar in order that the
new financial year (March 1)
may be begun with the latest in
all goods.

The exact articles cannot be
specified until the returns from
all departments are in but it is
confidently promised that a
unique opportunity of obtaining
value for \$1 which has seldom, if
ever, been offered, will be before
the public.

Throughout the coming year,
in addition to other well-known
lines in which they specialise,
Whiteaways intend to specialise
in goods for which this same ex-
ceptional value may be offered
and to this end their buyers will
scour the markets of the world.

CRASH IN HARBOUR.

"HERMES" PLANE COMES TO
GRIEF.

PILOT SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Whilst engaged in "stunting"
in the neighbourhood of Wanchai
yesterday afternoon, engine trou-
ble developed with one of the sea-
planes from H.M.S. "Hermes" and
the pilot had to make a hurried
dive for the sea.

When the machine struck the
water near H.M.S. "Veteran" it
was not fully under control and
the impact slightly damaged the
under-carriage and slightly injur-
ed the pilot (I. B. Grant, 403
Flight). Injuries to his head were
sustained as a result of impact
with the wind shield.

The seaplane was towed back to
the "Hermes" shortly after the
accident.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

FIRST STAGE READINGS OF
NEW BILLS.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE

The formal business of the
Legislative Council meeting (in
addition to the congratulatory
members on recent honours, re-
ferred to elsewhere), consisted of
the appointment of the Standing
Law Committee, the considera-
tion of the 1927 Jurors' List in
camera, the second readings of
the Bill for the amendment of the
Interpretation Ordinance and of
the Bill to amend the Promissory
Oaths Ordinance, the first read-
ing of the Bill to provide against
Accidents in Factories.

During the Committee stage of
the Interpretation Ordinance con-
sideration, the Attorney-General,
Sir Joseph Kemp, submitted a
number of drafting amendments
and new clauses and it was for
this reason that the third reading
of this Bill and of the Promissory
Oaths Ordinance (which in one
session depended on the former)
was not proceeded with forth-
with.

The following gentlemen were
appointed to serve on the Stand-
ing Law Committee: The Hon.
Attorney-General (Chairman),
the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, the
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon.
Dr. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard.

WELL MERITED.

Council & Honoured
Members.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

References to the honours con-
ferred on two members of the
Legislative Council since last
meetings were made at yesterday's
Council meeting when apprecia-
tion of their services and His
Majesty's appreciation of them
was expressed.

Addressing the Council, His
Excellency the Governor said:—
Since this Council last met, His
Majesty the King has conferred
high honour upon two of its mem-
bers. The honourable the At-
torney-General has been knighted
and the honourable the Junior
Chinese Member has been made
a Companion of the Order of St.
Michael and St. George.

His Majesty's gracious act has
evoked much pleasure throughout
the Colony, but especially in this
Council where we who are col-
leagues of Sir Joseph Kemp and
Dr. Kotewall appreciate most
fully how well these honours have
been won by distinguished merit,
painstaking industry, sterling
worth of character and very loyal
and devoted services to Hong
Kong.

I feel sure that the Council will
desire to take this, the earliest
opportunity of congratulating
both Sir Joseph Kemp and Dr.
Kotewall upon the honours which
they have received.

Unofficial Members' Tribute.

Sir Henry Pollock as Senior
Unofficial Member of the Council
associated himself with these
congratulations. After filling
many posts in the Civil Service
with great credit, Sir Joseph got
his great opportunity in 1914. He
was appointed Acting Attorney-
General shortly before the out-
break of war and during that war
the Colony learned to appreciate
his very great skill in drafting
rather intricate legislative mea-
sures for which there was no pre-
vious precedent laid down.

Somebody had once said that it
was a very fine thing to be drafts-
man of an Act of Parliament be-
cause you could do almost any-
thing you wanted; one could say
that man included woman and
that bread included butter. But
to the sound and sterling common
sense of Sir Joseph they owed it
that at all times he was conscious
of the fact that the enthusiasm
of the legislator must be to a certain
extent restrained by the practical
difficulties met with in dealing
with matters of public legislation.

Yeoman Service.

Sir Joseph had also been of
yeoman service to the Government
of the Colony by his labours in
that other Council—the Executive
Council, in which his advice was
valued not only by the Governors
of the Colony but also by his Un-
official colleagues. (Applause.)
As regarded the junior Chinese
member, he was a man of such
varied parts that he (the speaker)
was in a difficulty at the out-
set. He was not quite sure whether
to address him as Mr. or Dr.
Kotewall but in view of the fact
that he had a very large consult-
ing practice Dr. would perhaps
better be applied.

In the course of that consulting
practice Dr. Kotewall had been
the means of giving very valuable
advice not only to Government
officials but also to many members
of the Chinese community who
had sought his counsel. He (Sir
Henry) had experienced the bene-
fit of his sound judgment when he
had consulted him on various mat-
ters affecting the Chinese com-
munity.

Chinese Association.

Sir Shou-sen Chow, as Senior
Chinese member, spoke of the
sincere joy with which he endor-
sed every word that had been
spoken regarding the high dis-
tinctions conferred on their learn-
ed Attorney-General and his
Chinese colleague.

It only remained for him to add
that the Chinese community had
received with pleasure news of the
recognition of Sir Joseph's ability,
fairness, tact and judgment. With
regard to his (Sir Shou-sen's)
Chinese colleague, no word of
praise was too high. Since he had
been appointed a member of the
Council his one aim had been to
promote the interests of the
Chinese community and the gen-
eral welfare of the Colony. It
was the consensus of opinion
among all classes that the mark
of distinction received from His
Majesty was thoroughly merited.
Personally, Sir Shou-sen added,
he owed much to the whole-heart-
ed co-operation of Dr. Kotewall
who was held in esteem and regard
by all the Chinese in Hong Kong.
It was the sincere hope of all that
he would enjoy many years of
robust health to continue his good
work.

Sir Joseph and Dr. Kotewall
briefly expressed their thanks.

TRYING TIMES.

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conditions, without unduly disturbing the U.S. cross rate, is an indication of the ability with which the finance was handled. It also goes to prove the soundness of Great Britain's position, and is a further justification, if one were needed, of the wisdom of re-establishing British currency on a gold basis.

Hong Kong's Trying Year.

As regards trade conditions in the East and Far East. In Hong Kong, as you are well aware, we have had great difficulties to contend with, but, in spite of these, I think it may be said that, on the whole, business shows some improvement as compared with the previous year. A very disappointing year sums up 1926 conditions in the Yangtze provinces and North China, as regards manufactured imports, especially cottons and woollens. On the export side, trade has been hampered by military disturbances and lack of transport facilities in the North.

Bank and Tokyo Loan.

Japan is to be congratulated on last year's progress towards the reinstatement of her currency on a gold basis. The rather rapid appreciation in the exchange value of the yen has, in some directions, had a detrimental effect on the trade of the country, a temporary disability, no doubt, which will disappear as markets adjust themselves to the enhanced value of the yen. I would mention that, in October last, we assisted in the flotation of a loan in London for £6,000,000 under the guarantee of the Imperial Japanese Government, the finance of reconstruction works in the City of Tokyo. Needless to say, the loan was met with a very favourable reception, the loan being heavily subscribed.

India and the Philippines.

In the Straits Settlements and report a satisfactory year. In India, the heavy decline in the price of produce, notably Jute and Cotton, and rather excessive imports of piece goods etc. having had an adverse effect on business. It is to be hoped that the question of the adoption of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance in whole, or in part, will not remain long undecided. It will be indeed a relief to have Indian Exchange problems freed of their present uncertainty.

Indian Exchange Problems.

Advices from India report that, although the Monsoon was a good one, the general trade of the Empire was not too favourable during 1926, the heavy decline in the price of produce, notably Jute and Cotton, and rather excessive imports of piece goods etc. having had an adverse effect on business. It is to be hoped that the question of the adoption of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance in whole, or in part, will not remain long undecided. It will be indeed a relief to have Indian Exchange problems freed of their present uncertainty.

British Firms in China.

For British firms carrying on business in China the political developments of the past year have had, I need hardly remark, a very unusual significance.

We have been accustomed in the past to view Chinese politics from, I will not say a detached, but at least an unimpassioned standpoint. The even course pursued by foreign trade in the midst of civil wars, and political upheavals had become a familiar phenomenon, and even though the progressive ruin of the railways, and disorder of the Provinces, presented a growing menace, consolation could till recently be found in the annual trade returns, which showed little signs of shrinkage.

Critical Juncture.

To-day the position is very different. The domestic affairs and foreign relations of China have become a matter of prime concern for the British merchant, as for all other elements of the foreign community in the country. It is clear to all that at present British interests depend pre-eminently on further developments in China's internal and foreign politics which stand at a most critical juncture.

In the former sphere we are witnessing the most complete political cleavage, and the most

extensive armed conflict that China has known since the Revolution; in the latter we are faced with an anti-British movement, actively fomented from quarters which are clearly intent on damaging our national interests in every possible way, and to the greatest possible extent.

Bitter Anti-British Attack.

Turning to the phase of Chinese politics which has affected us most closely during the past year, the anti-British agitation in South China, to a certain extent this must be considered as part of the general anti-foreignism which is unhappily spreading throughout China, and must be accepted as the almost inevitable concomitant of any nationalist movement in its earliest stage. But it goes much further. For eighteen months past we have been made the subject of a peculiar, and intensely bitter attack supported by boundless misrepresentation and calumny, for which there can be no other explanation than that it is the work of political instigators not concerned with the real, or even the imaginary, interests of China, but solely bent on doing harm to Great Britain.

Canton Boycott.

The Canton boycott, as you are only too fully aware, lasted without a break through the first half of the year. Pourparlers for its cessation, were opened in the Spring by the Canton Government, who put forward unacceptable demands. A declaration of the termination of the boycott was, nevertheless, made in October. The effect of the official raising of the boycott has been very limited and British trade remains hampered and handicapped.

This organised attack on the British has come at a time when Great Britain was (if I may use the phrase) visibly and actively anxious to "play the game" by China, and to find reasonable ways of removing such legitimate grievances, and causes of irritation, as might arise from the existence of treaty conditions out of keeping with present circumstances.

China's Friend.

It is hard to believe that deep in the Chinese consciousness there is not the knowledge that among the foreign nations with whom she has come into contact, Great Britain has been one of China's best friends, and that the British as a whole are utterly undeserving of the accusations and obloquy so freely heaped upon them. Perhaps we may cherish a hope that the very extravagance of the campaign will defeat its own ends, when the good sense of the Chinese people has a chance to reassert itself. (Applause.)

So far we have dealt with what is now past history. Events, since 1926 ended, have moved with such startling rapidity and are fraught with such possibilities, that it is at present difficult to visualize how matters stand. In the circumstances, I think it is safer to leave comment on recent developments to those who are more closely in touch with "haute politique" than we in Hong Kong can possibly be.

China's Growing Trade.

Passing to the subject of the Chinese Government's finances, and the payment of their foreign obligations, it is a pleasure to be able to note a fresh record in the Customs Revenue collection for 1926 which amounts to 78 million Haikwan Taels. This represents an increase of 8 million Taels over the 1925 revenue, nearly 5 million of which is, however, absorbed by the enhanced cost of meeting the foreign gold obligations secured on the Customs, due to the drop in the exchange value of silver.

Even with the heavy clouds over-hanging the political horizon and the peculiar trials under which British commerce is labouring, we may derive some comfort from the apparently irrepressible growth of China's foreign trade, as evidenced by the steady increase in Customs collections, which have actually doubled during the last eight years. This is perhaps a suitable occasion to pay a special tribute to the courage, energy, impartiality and, if I may say so, eminent efficiency displayed by the extremely capable staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs in times of great difficulty and stress. (Applause.)

Foreign Loans.

The position of the railways presents a much less encouraging picture. Their deterioration, with very slight exceptions, has proceeded apace, and the proportion of railway revenues reaching the Central Government has sunk lower than ever. As the inevitable result defaults on the railway loans are steadily increasing. The revenue of the Salt Administration meanwhile has fallen to the lowest level in its history, having brought the Central Government only some 3 million of dollars after payment of the loan services. During the year the provinces retained nearly three-quarters of the total revenue collected by the agency of the Salt Gabelle, and the latest reports show that the receipts at the present moment have dropped far below the level required to maintain the services of the foreign loans dependent thereon. These loans are thus reduced to a state of great insecurity, while there are serious fears for the Administration itself, which a short time ago was, thanks to its reorganisation with foreign supervision, providing the Chinese Government with a revenue almost rivaling the Customs. As for the unsecured foreign debt, all early prospects of a settlement were suspended with the break-up of the Tariff Conference.

Although I would hardly venture to call the outlook in China encouraging, the earnest endeavours being made to arrive at a solution of present difficulties lead me to hope that some arrangement, satisfactory to all parties, will not be long delayed.

I now propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts. After the proposal has been seconded and before placing the motion before the meeting, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which Shareholders may have to ask. (Applause.)

Mr. T. E. Pearce, seconding, said: I imagine few, if any of us here to-day, expected, that at this meeting, we should have placed before us such a report as we are now considering.

Despite a year of incessant civil war, boycott, strikes and domestic chaos in the great Country bordering us, we find the net profit approximately 17 lakhs more than in 1925 and 11 lakhs more than in 1924. (Applause.)

I feel confident, Sir, I am voicing the satisfaction and gratification of all shareholders at the excellent result of the year's working, and on their behalf take this opportunity of congratulating the Board of Directors, the Chief Managers, Managers and the Staff generally on such a splendid record. (Applause.)

The bonus which you have voted to the Staff is an item in which we heartily concur, and I venture to express the hope there never will be an occasion when a similar statement is not made by the Chairman at these meetings.

Disgruntled Criticisms.

I have heard, and possibly others have heard also, a few carping criticisms, that latterly, the Bank's policy has not been so open-handed, or generous. I think these criticisms must have emanated from a disgruntled few, and even these must surely agree that when the road is difficult and obscure, it is safest to get at once into second gear.

It is surely a well-known fact that when legitimate business is offering or assistance required, this Corporation has only been too ready to assist, and particularly has this been the case during the troublous times experienced during the last three years.

I am not proposing to comment in detail on the accounts before us. To the expert they must appear amazing, when taking into consideration the period which they cover, to the uninitiated the mass of figures and big totals must appear overwhelming.

The steady growth of the Bank's business must be very satisfactory to those who control its affairs, as it is to all its shareholders.

Great Future.

The policy of steadily adding to its reserves and the writing down of its properties by large amounts every year, is one which will be heartily endorsed by all who believe that the future of this Corporation is going to be vastly bigger than its past. I feel convinced no shareholder will cavil at the large amounts which have been appropriated from last year's profits for these purposes.

I think I need only refer to one more item in your report on the accounts, and that is the fact "that full provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts and our investments show a satisfactory margin on current market prices."

This indeed seems a highly satisfactory state of affairs.

Sensible Straits Chinese.

It is good to hear that trade in the Straits Settlements and Malaya continues to thrive. The many Chinese carrying on business in that part of the British Empire must thoroughly appreciate how much law and order can do to assist and develop trade.

Your comprehensive review of the situation will be eagerly read by those who are closely connected with the Far East. I hope, Sir, it will also be read and thoroughly digested by many who have only recently realized the importance of British interests out here, but who nevertheless seem ever ready to talk and give advice as experts.

History in the Making.

I take it that 1925, 1926, and this year of grace, will go down as three of the most momentous in China's history. Changes have taken place, which a few years ago would have seemed incredible, and as you have just said, events are moving with such rapidity, it is difficult to keep pace with them. Yet at the back of all the strife, haos, and political jealousy, is that steady industry of the Chinese race which enables it to patiently bear the unnecessary burdens imposed on it. Given peaceful conditions and proper protection, the volume of trade possible, would, I think, Sir, confound the most careful and conservative statisticians.

Pertinent Queries.

We, as Britishers are proud of our predecessors, who by their foresight and determination have built up one of the leading ports of the world out of a swamp, and developed concessions through which such a vast volume of trade now passes. We are proud of this institution, and the many other British firms and individuals who have taken such a leading part in the assistance of the trade of this Country. Have we abused the privileges granted us? Have we failed to keep law and order, or discouraged other nationalities or the Chinese themselves from making full use of the facilities for business provided in these places?

Many Chinese must have surely pondered over such questions as these, and realized that now that we are willing to forego many of the privileges we have hitherto enjoyed, that nothing but the friendliest feeling continues on our side, as it has always done in the past. (Applause.)

Poisonous Propaganda.

With you, Sir, I do not believe, except in the minds of a very few, there is that antagonism or hatred for us, which is being made so prominent at the present time, and which has to be kept alive by agitation, outside influences and foreign money. The long-delayed note to Russia presented last Thursday will be welcome news to those trading out here, who know only too well by experience and first hand information, the poisonous propaganda which has been instilled in the minds of the Chinese. Those of us on leave last year, know well enough how the same forces endeavoured to wreck the Old Country. I think it was Mr. Baldwin, who said at the end of the General Strike last year, that it was the good sense of the British people which saw the Country through that trouble.

I believe that in due time the good sense of the Chinese people will prevail, and see them through theirs, when they will realize that Great Britain is animated by no other than the friendliest of feelings in their desire to see a united Country, with a Government working in the best interests of its people.

I am sanguine enough to believe it will not be long before this friendly feeling will be reciprocated and an appreciation of British fair play and straightforwardness be manifested.

I believe also that as an outcome of all the trials and tribulations which Britishers have had to suffer, British prestige will stand higher than ever, and that British trade and this Bank which so largely represents British interests, will flourish more than ever before.

With these remarks, I beg to second the resolution which has been proposed by the Chairman. (Applause.)

Election of Directors.

No question was put and the proposal was carried unanimously. Sir Henry Follock proposed that the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. H. Bell and Mr. H. P. White be re-elected Directors—seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. John Fleming, C.A., were unanimously re-elected directors—proposed by Mr. R. M. Dyer, seconded by Mr. F. R. Marsh.

Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

WEEK-END WEATHER FORECAST.

"N. E. winds, freshening; overcast, fog at first, rain later." Is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

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China Mail

HONG KONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1927.

TRYING TIMES.

Financial Review of China's Problems.

REMARKABLE SIDELIGHTS.

Foreign Trade Grows Despite Civil Wars.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

To-day's Annual Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Recent events in China, especially as they affect foreign trade and foreign concerns, formed an important part of the speech made by the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at the annual meeting of that great financial institution held in the City Hall at noon to-day.

Referring to the Canton boycott, Mr. Bernard remarked that the effects of the official raising of this had been very limited and British trade remained hampered and handicapped. This organized attack on the British had come at a time when Great Britain was visibly and actively anxious "to play the game" by China.

Referring to the anti-British agitation in China, the Hon. Mr. Bernard said it was hard to believe that deep in the Chinese consciousness there was not the knowledge that Great Britain had been one of China's best friends and that the British were utterly undeserving of the obloquy heaped upon them.

Mr. Bernard continued: "Perhaps we may cherish a hope that the very extravagance of the campaign will defeat its own ends, when the good sense of the Chinese people has a chance to reassert itself." This remark was greeted with applause.

THOSE PRESENT.

Full List of Shareholders at Meeting.

Those present were the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (deputy chairman), Messrs. W. H. Bell, A. H. Compton, W. L. Pattenden, J. A. Plummer, T. G. Weall, H. P. White, G. M. Young (directors) and Mr. A. H. Barlow (chief manager).

Messrs. T. E. Pearce, Sir Henry E. Pollock, Leung Yan-po, R. M. Dyer, F. R. Marsh, G. E. Towns, H. G. Hegarty, C. H. Elderside, Fong Lang, Ho Wing, Ho Kuntong, R. A. Dastur, W. E. Van Eps, Fung Kong-yuen, O. Kitchell, N. V. A. Croucher, F. W. Stapleton, Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, W. E. L. Shenton, H. R. Sturt, Dr. J. H. Sanders, A. McKirdy, P. S. Cassidy, D. J. Lewis, Ho Ki, M. J. B. Montargis, E. H. Summers, F. M. Crawford, A. A. R. Botelho, Dr. F. Lindsay Woods, G. M. Shaw, A. Stevenson, G. G. N. Tinson, Frank Austin, D. V. Stevenson, H. Skott, G. B. Layton, H. Hills, G. Murray, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Lo Chung-wan, F. H. Pentecross, C. I. Cooke, D. H. Cooper, J. F. Wright, Jr., John Fleming, D. Templeton, George Grimble, S. M. Churn, G. Percy, Lo Cheung-ip, Mrs. D. Templeton, Messrs. J. M. Alves, V. Goulborn, A. C. Hynes, C. G. Alabaster, K. C. S. W. Ho, E. L. Sim, E. A. Ram, A. B. Raworth, A. P. Samy.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Tribute to Late Mr. Holyoak's Services.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding with the business of this meeting, I would refer with the deepest regret to the loss we have sustained since we last met, through the death, last May, of our colleague, the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak. Mr. Holyoak joined the Court of Directors in 1913; the value of his services as a Director of the Bank, including his tenure of the Office of Chairman in 1918, are well known to us all. The Colony, no less than the Bank, is the poorer for the passing of such a public-spirited and generous man.

The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

At our meeting a year ago, your Chairman expressed the hope that, on some future occasion, a successor of his would be able to record a year of prosperous trade and peaceful activity throughout China. Needless to

say, it is not my good fortune to meet you with such a happy reference.

The One Bright Spot.

In most countries trade would be well nigh impossible under such conditions as have been existing in China during recent times, and the one bright spot is the courage and determination with which the Chinese merchants, bankers and tillers of the soil carry on their business, and occupations, in the face of all difficulties. It is due to their doggedness that the wheels of commerce, though clogged, keep moving, and the Customs revenue steadily increases, though the result is nothing compared to what the figures would be under a peaceful and ordered regime. While the Bank's business is world-wide, China is our principal field, and your Directors consider themselves fortunate, in being able to meet you with such a satisfactory report as the one now before you. (Applause).

Profit for the Year.

The net profit for the year, including \$3,397,722.76 brought in from the last account, amounts to \$17,565,790.24.

This compares with a net profit of \$15,846,978.01 for the year 1925. Deducting the interim dividend of £3 paid in August, viz.: £480,000 at 2/2, 7/8 = \$4,286,511.63, and \$50,000 remuneration to Directors, the balance available for distribution is \$13,219,278.61, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

A final dividend of £3 per share plus a bonus of £2 per share (subject to deduction of Income Tax) amounting to £800,000 at exchange of 1/11.	
1/2	\$ 8,170,212.77
Transfer to Silver Reserve Fund	650,000.00
Write off Bank Premises a/c	1,000,000.00
and carry forward to the new a/c.	3,399,065.84
	\$13,219,278.61

Silver Reserve Increase.

It is a matter of satisfaction to your Directors that, after providing for the payment of the usual dividend and bonus and, as in recent years, the reduction of Bank Premises Account by \$1,000,000, the results of the year's working permit them to recommend an increase in the allocation to Silver Reserve of \$150,000, as compared with 1925.

I would add that full provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts, and our Investments show a satisfactory margin on current market prices.

It has been considered advisable to convert some of the Bank's Silver funds into Gold Currency, and, as you will have noticed in the statement of accounts, a transfer of \$1,500,000 has been made from the Silver Reserve Fund to the Sterling Reserve Fund, bringing the latter Fund up to \$5,000,000. The transfer was effected at exchange of 2/1, reducing the Silver Reserve Fund by \$14,400,000.

As mentioned in the Report, the balance of the Marine Insurance Account, \$250,000, has been transferred to Silver Reserve. We discontinued participating in the insurance on our treasure shipments, etc., some time ago, so there is no longer any need to maintain a separate reserve for insurance purposes.

Assets and Exchange.

The rate of exchange at which the Sterling equivalents of our Silver assets and liabilities, and vice versa, is calculated is 1/11½ against 2/4, 3/8 at the end of 1925, a drop of, approximately, 17 per cent., so comparison with the Sterling equivalents of the various items in the 1925 balance sheet is not altogether easy. I would mention, however, that the decrease of approximately \$5,000,000 in the Sterling equivalent of the total assets and liabilities, as compared with the 1925 balance sheet, is fully accounted for by the lower rate of exchange at which the Sterling equivalents of our Silver assets and liabilities have been calculated on this occasion. In fact, an analysis of the original items reveals an expansion of 4 per cent. in the figures, and not the contraction that the decline in the Sterling equivalents would seem to indicate.

The Hoarding of Notes.

With the exception of Notes in circulation, which are about \$7,500,000 higher, due, I am afraid, rather to hoarding than expansion in trade, I don't think there are any items on the balance sheet which call for special comment. Net profits are \$1,701,598.41 in excess of those of a year ago, but, on the other hand, it costs us \$1,557,469.15 more, at the lower level of exchange, to provide the usual Sterling dividend and bonus.

Your Directors feel assured that you will cordially endorse their action in voting the Staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries for the past year. The work has been arduous and, from the Chief Manager downwards, their responsible duties have been efficiently and loyally performed. (Applause).

Price of Silver.

The movements in the price of silver during 1926 showed a wide range compared with recent years, the difference between the highest and lowest spot prices, viz.: 31.13/16d. and 24.1/8d. being 7.11/16d. Up to July, except for a short period in April when the price dipped towards 29d., the metal remained fairly steady at over 30d., but the publication of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Currency, indicating amongst other recommendations, possible sales of Surplus Silver Coin in the not distant future, had a depressing effect. The price, weakening in consequence, fell away and on large sales of deminted silver by the Bank of France eventually touched 24.1/8d. in October, the lowest quotation for "spot" silver recorded since November, 1915. Buyers predominating; however, at the low level reached, the price reacted somewhat, and, at the close of business in the London silver market on the last day of the year, spot silver stood at 25d., a gain of 7/8d. on the low quotation recorded in October.

China's Silver Imports.

Of the total World production of silver last year, which experts put at Std. ozs. 282,000,000, it is estimated that India absorbed Std. ozs. 113,000,000, as against Std. ozs. 109,000,000 in 1925. Shipments to China from Europe and America figure at Std. ozs. 96

million, but re-shipments to London and India account for Std. ozs. 14 million of this total. Allowing for these deductions the net imports were some Std. ozs. 14 million in excess of those of 1925, an indication, confirmed by the increased Customs Revenue, that in spite of all obstacles the trade of China continues to expand.

General Strike Lessons.

The London money market ruled steady throughout the year at a somewhat high level, owing to the necessity of maintaining the Bank of England rate at 6 per cent. during the whole period. A reduction in the rate would, no doubt, have been made early in the year, had it not been for the imminence of labour trouble. This developed in the short general strike in May, and the coal strike which started in the same month, and lasted practically until the end of the year. The general strike disclosed the fact, evidently not realised by those who launched it, that Britishers will not stand for an attack on Constitutional Government. The well-organised and effective measures of the British Government for carrying on essential services backed by the ready response of the best elements of the community to undertake all and any kind of work, was sufficient to encourage and smother the attempt to paralyse the life of the country.

Coal Strike Losses.

The seven months' stoppage of work in the coal fields was detrimental to all home countries, and naturally affected the balance of trade instead of being an export. Great Britain was forced to import large quantities of coal, the circumstances, it is somewhat surprising that the adverse movements of gold, were not on a greater scale, and that the New York exchange remained so steady throughout the year, especially as the fall in the prices of rubber, and jute, compared with the previous year, were weak factors as regards the exchange position, though to some extent counteracted by the lower price of cotton.

Discount Market.

Discount rates in London ruled at 4¼ per cent. to 4½ per cent. during the first half of the year, and between 4¼ per cent. and 4½ per cent. in the last six months. A very prominent (probably the most important) feature in the Discount Market was the continuous large demand for first-class 3 m/s mercantile paper by the Continental State Banks. The supply of such bills was invariably too small to meet the demand; with the result that Treasury Bills, of which there is always a large supply, were easily obtainable at higher rates than those current for fine 3 m/s commercial bills. The reason for this is that most of the Central Banks of Europe, who carry such paper, can only hold bills bearing two names.

Considerable amounts of foreign money have been attracted and retained in London by the high rates offered by the Joint Stock Banks for deposits up to six months.

The year ended with reasonably confident expectations that trade would improve, and a decline in the Bank rate would not be long delayed.

Britain's Sound Position.

Germany, Belgium and the Continent generally appear to be nearing the end of their gold accumulation and, in the absence of any large demand for India, it seems probable that most of the gold arrivals from South Africa will be available for America. The payment of the British war debt interest to the United States of America was effected without any recourse to the gold credits established for use in case of necessity.

The remittance of these large amounts in the face of adverse

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SHANGHAI DANGER.

(Continued from page 1.)

Cantonese will not be content to be dominated permanently by Russia, and that they will eventually be willing to establish reasonable relations with us. Perhaps we may be able to take the place of the Bolsheviks to some extent in rendering them assistance and advice, which would be a perfectly proper thing for us to do, if they established themselves as the representative authority for China or a material part of it. Obviously it is on some such turn of events as this that our hopes for trade with China rest in 1927. Whether the military leaders in the north will disappear, or whether they will continue in control of the northern provinces remain to be seen. If they do retain power the problem of dealing with two authorities will indeed be delicate.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

French Minister Also Issues Warning.

Shanghai, Feb. 25. The Diplomatic Body, in a declaration warning the heads of the Chinese Armies, state that in view of the possibility of military events taking place in the region of Shanghai, endangering foreign life and property, as already shown by the bombardment of February 22, it expects them to take all measures necessary to avoid incidents which would constrain foreign authorities to take measures indispensable to the protection of their nationals.

A similar declaration has been issued by the French Minister regarding the French Concession at Shanghai.—Reuter.

Tense Situation.

Rugby, Feb. 25. With the troops of Sun Chuan-fung and Chang Tsung-chang, the Shanghai war lords, on the one hand and the Canton Nationalists on the other in such near proximity, the situation in Shanghai is naturally tense.—British Wireless Service.

American Destroyers.

Shanghai, Feb. 25. Three American destroyers have arrived from Manila.—Reuter.

TROOPS ON MOVE.

Chang Tsung-chang to Defend Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 25. Chang Tsung-chang's troops continue to arrive in Shanghai and are expected to reach 8,000 to-night, besides a number from Tsingtao who are coming aboard 16 ships. The "Northern Battle Squadron," which is expected shortly, is one-manned by White Russians. It is reported that the squadron will go to Hankow to co-operate in the Fengtien operations against the Southerners by bombarding Hankow. A majority of Wu Pei-fu's subordinates are reported to have gone over to the Nationalists and giving the Fengtien troops, who are advancing through Honan, some trouble, but the latest reliable reports are that the Fengtien advance is progressing strongly towards its objective, Hankow.—Reuter.

CHINESE ABROAD.

To Be Found All Over The World.

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received reports from Chinese Consuls abroad showing the number of Chinese residents in various countries and towns, as follows:—

Australia, 20,826; Philippine Islands, about 40,000; Peru, about 9,000; Korea, about 30,800; New York and San Francisco, 41,995; Batavia (Dutch East Indies), 100,373. Reports from other Consulates have not yet arrived. From unofficial sources the following figures have been obtained:—Canada, 12,000; Burma, 130,000; Hong Kong, 444,644; Dutch East Indies, 1,835,000; Siberia, 25,000; European Russia, 71,021; the United States, 150,000; Malay Archipelago, 93,000; Java, 27,000; French Indo-China, 1,030,000; total of all overseas, including places not above mentioned, 9,534,000.

In connection with Public Health Week it is learned that there were 1,500 vaccinations made by the Chinese Ambulance Corps up to Thursday night.

The War Office announce in an Army Order that there will be no training during 1927 for Sections B and D of the Army Reserve, and that during the financial year 1927 there will be no training, compulsory or voluntary, for officers of the Militia holding commissions as at December 1926.

YOUTH & MARRIAGE.

YOUNG MEN RETURN TO ATTACK.

LADIES AT DEBATE.

Yet again has a section of the youth of the Colony engaged in solemn debate on certain aspects of modern womanhood.

The debate at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club last night, however, differed considerably from the recent convulse at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

The subject was not "Women and Business" but "Are Early Marriages Desirable?" and another vital difference was that many lady students from the University attended last night's debate and were given the opportunity of defending any aspersions that might have been cast upon their sex.

It speaks well either for the chivalry of the speakers or of the overwhelming nature of their arguments that no lady present addressed the "house."

The leader of the motion that early marriages are desirable was the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach (seconded by Mr. W. T. Tam, B.A.). The leader of the opposition was Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc. (seconded by Professor Forster). The Chairman was the Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

Not "Sour Grapes."

Although he was a clergyman addressing a gathering of young men he was not taking the subject with an eye to business, said the mover. Neither because he was a bachelor was it a question of sour grapes! (laughter). Marriage staided a young man. It was a cure for selfishness. For the full development of a man's character it was necessary for him to stand on his own feet and develop these latent powers of leadership. Marriage, with its responsibilities gave that opportunity, and it was better for a man that he should face them when his character was in the moulding. He knew that his opponents would say that by early marriage, a man gave up his powers of leadership (loud laughter). Well, all he could say, was Shame on them!

It was better for a man that he should in his youth take care of one woman rather than many (renewed laughter). From all points of view, from that of his career, the development of his character and his health a man would do well to choose a loyal helpmeet early.

From the point of view of health his argument was strong. Between the interval of release from material supervision and adult life, who was in a better position to see that a man changed his socks or shoes in wet weather than the wife! And who was it went about with them unchanged, his hair untidy and his buttons loose. Why, the man who had not screwed up his courage to pop the question (much merriment among bachelor members of the audience).

Poor Old Pa! Mr. T. J. Price, for the opposition, spoke of the glories of courtship (but not, he added, from personal experience). In courtship days, who had to worry about footing the bill for that delightful new hat. Why, poor old pa, of course. But, after marriage, who had to foot it? Why, poor old hubby, of course (much consternation among the youthful section).

Why should that period of disillusionment when those pearly teeth were discovered to be false and those curly locks the art of the barber, why should it not be postponed to a time when a man was more experienced and more prepared to stand the shock (much bridling among the ladies and laughter among the men). With marriage came disillusionment. The very things that before attracted you then repelled you.

With regard to the proposer of the motion's reference to leadership, he might mention that he was generally known in the Colony as "Price's brother." That he did not mind so much, but he should hate to be known as Mrs. Price's husband! (loud laughter).

"Mudford" Again. Mr. Tam, in seconding the mover, said he thought that Mr. Price, coming fresh from the rustic atmosphere of "Mudford" was trying to sling "Mudford" mud in their eyes (laughter). He suggested that a wife chosen early acted as a ballast (indignation among the fair sex). The opposition were the cunning foxes who had lost their tails (renewed laughter).

Professor Forster spoke of the tendency in China to marry young and the gradual elimination of that tendency by the growth of facilities for education. He cited the ancient Britons who, for the betterment of the race, forbade their young men from marrying until an adult age. Early marriages were generally among the most improvident sec-

SANTA CLAUS.

A BISHOP'S ANALYSIS OF LIES.

CHILDREN'S QUERIES.

A striking address on "Truth" was delivered before the Nottingham Education Study Society, a body of teachers, by the Bishop of Southwell (the Right Rev. O. B. Heywood).

Rather than tell a direct lie in answer to an awkward question by a child, he advised his listeners to make no reply at all. He strongly deprecated such manifest lies as "it was the doctor that brought the new baby." For his own part, though he would not hesitate to introduce children to the legend of Santa Claus, he would not do it in such a way as to lead them to believe in Father Christmas's sleigh and reindeer, his descent of the chimney, or the idea that he was solely responsible for the Christmas presents they received.

Urging a child to believe what was false was entirely different from inventing a story beginning "Once upon a time." He would be prepared to exonerate from guilt a man who told a lie to save an innocent life if he was reasonably sure that not to tell a lie would involve the loss of life. This would be choosing the lesser of two evils, just as he imagined that most would agree that a man on the point of starvation would be justified in stealing food to maintain life.

To keep back half the truth and so to convey an entirely false impression seemed worse because more subtle than an open, barefaced lie. It was particularly important at present to make young people realise that a lie was not less a lie if it was uttered by a gesture instead of by speech or by silence. The guilt of falsehood was not diminished because speech was not used as the method of propagation.

He would freely admit it had sometimes been the case that the Christian Church, imagining that certain discoveries if made would shake her religious position, had discouraged critical inquiry and research. The names of Galileo, Darwin, Newton, and others would occur to mind.

He believed those evil days were past, and that he spoke for the majority of Christian people when he said that it was their resolve that there should not be again any barrier from the side of religion to hamper those who, whether they represented science or history or archaeology or literature, were pursuing truth. Rather would they welcome such efforts, being assured that truth could never be at issue with itself and desiring every manifestation of truth.

NOT ALWAYS DONE.

PRINCE OF WALES AND FASHIONS.

London, Jan. 12.

It isn't always done because the Prince of Wales does it. When the picture pages of the newspapers this week showed the Prince at the Wolfe Memorial dinner garbed in a tail coat with a white tie, but with a black waistcoat, London young men about town had a bad quarter of an hour. Has there been an accident to the Prince's laundry? asked the gilded youth anxiously, or are we really expected to conform to this sartorial outrage?

The answer for both questions was in the negative, as discreet inquiry developed the fact that the Prince's unusual dress was at the way of mourning for the Emperor of Japan. The King and the other members of the royal family are particularly strict about mourning observances. The King himself has worn a black waistcoat with evening dress even at a ball, but this half mourning is not correct for the court and still less for the rank and file of society.

Wear as little as you can.—Professor Leonard Hill.

Controversy is the breath of life.—Captain Ian Fraser, M.P.

tions of the community and led to the upbringing of children who had little chance in life.

"Price's Brother." Interesting contributions from the audience were made. It was suggested as a psychological factor that children of adult parent inherited the more stable elements of their parents. Younger children, for instance, were generally more brilliant than older ones.

At this stage "Mr. Price's brother" was discovered lurking in a corner.

With regard to the last argument, he would like to point out that he was Mr. T. J. Price's younger brother (loud laughter). He did not wish to draw any implications, however (renewed laughter).

The motion, on being put to the vote, was lost by 16 votes to 85.

ACRES OF IVORY.

50 TONS IN LONDON AUCTION.

NARWHAL HORN MARVEL.

A small company of men, drawn mostly from the United States and Germany, at the London Docks made a preliminary inspection of 50 tons of ivory gathered there, to produce which about 20,000 massive animals had to die. Later at Mincing-lane, E.C., they will be bought at the auction of this latest crop of ivory from Africa, India, Ceylon, and the Arctic.

Two acres of ivory in the natural state were laid out for examination by the experts, each of whom spent most of his time flushing an electric torch into the hollows of the great tusks—some 9ft. long and weighing more than 2½ cwt. the pair.

They were searching not merely for traces of cracking or disease, but to detect the fraudulent willingness of the bush natives, who have become pastmasters in the art of increasing the weight of a tusk by pouring molten lead into its solid end.

Elephant Cemeteries. Most of the ivory has been obtained from the natives, who own the secret of the whereabouts of the elephant grave-yards in the heart of Africa—the cemeteries in the innermost recesses of the forests, to which an elephant with a foreknowledge of death wanders from the herd to die.

The sale catalogue announces that a large quantity of sea-horse teeth will also be put up for auction. These are the straight tusks or curved or canine teeth obtained from the hippopotamus, and they will be sold with a mixed assortment of walrus teeth, rhinoceros horns, and boar's tusks.

From the Arctic seas several lots of narwhal-horns have been obtained. Each horn is 10ft. long and has a left-handed thread—so regular and well turned by nature as seriously to challenge the work in metal of a highly skilled engineer.

DEATH FROM SHOCK.

REMARKABLE BATH-ROOM ACCIDENT.

An inquest was held at Sidesop on Edith Amy Dorricott, aged 24, who was found dead in the bathroom at her parents' house, with her head hanging over the wash-basin and her hair entangled in the tap.

A doctor gave evidence that Miss Dorricott was suffering from influenza. He thought that probably feeling ill, she went into the bathroom and leaned over the basin. He was of opinion that she then had an attack of syncope, which caused her to fall forward and the compression of the windpipe on the edge of the basin brought about asphyxia. The cause of death actually was shock before the asphyxia symptoms had time to intervene.

The coroner recorded a verdict of death from shock, due to compression of the vessel going to the brain.

"Can a man marry his brother's son's widow?" was a question addressed to Mr. Clarke Hall, the Old-street magistrate, who promised to consider the problem.

Two brothers, Balie T. R. Mowat and J. Rosey Mowat, chemist, of Stromness, were drowned at Yesnaby, Sandwick, Orkney. Balie Mowat slipped on a rock into the water. His brother caught hold of him, but a huge wave carried both away. Balie Mowat's wife was also swept into the sea by the same wave, but while the two men were carried away, she was washed back to shore.

Shadows Bet

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainment.

February 26—Queen's Theatre: "Wages of Virtue."

February 28—World Theatre: "The Midshipman."

February 28—Star Theatre: "The Freshman."

February 28—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capelli's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

February 28—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

February 28—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capelli's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

March 2—Special race week dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

March 3—Annual "At Home" of U.S.R.C. Club's ground, Kowloon.

March 3—Recital at Helena May Institute by Miss Nora Moon, 5.30 p.m.

March 4—Masked Ball at the City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 28—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

March 6—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

March 14—Kowloon Cricket Club annual tennis tournament.

February 26—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.

February 28—Extraordinary meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 4—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 5—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 12 a.m.

March 7—Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

Lamert's Auctions. February 25—At Messrs. Lamert's Bros. Sales Room, a valuable collection of stamps, 5.15 p.m.

February 26—Valuable household furniture at 94 Nathan Road, Kowloon, 10.45 a.m.

March 3—At "The Cottage" Barker Rd., 452 The Peak, valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 3—At 7, Duddell St., certain lots of whisky and ale, in cases, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous. February 26—Non-selling tickets on "The Hong Kong Derby" will be drawn in Hong Kong Club stand, Race Course, 3 p.m.

February 26—Camp-fire sing-song by Boy Scouts Assn., H. K. branch, Seamen's Institute 7.45 p.m.

February 26—Annual dinner of the Assn. of Past & Present Commercial Students of the H.K. University, in Great Hall of the University, 7.45 p.m.

February 27—Second Annual Masonic Service, in St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

February 27—Confirmation Service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 7.45 p.m.

March 1—New term of the Diocesan Boys' School begins on this date.

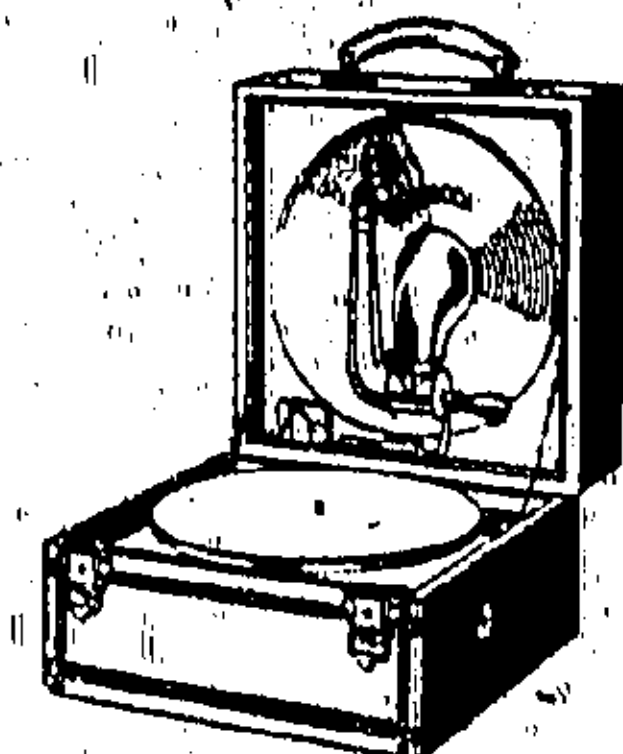
March 4—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

March 10—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

Mrs. Ivy Shove, of St. Saviour's Road, Croydon, who was married only a few weeks before, died from injuries received when her apron caught fire while she was preparing dinner.

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race days (Monday, Tuesday, and
Wednesday) at 1 p.m., but prescrip-
tions can be filled at the dispensary
department also between 6 and 7.30
p.m. on these three days.

A proposal to permit golf on
Sunday on the city course of the
Hawgolf Golf Club at Killarney
has been defeated on the vote of
the members by a narrow majority.
Sunday golf has been permitted on
the Club's seaside course at Galles
for several seasons.

Mr. J. Russell gave an address
on Thursday at the Hong Kong
Lodge, the Theosophical Institute,
his subject at the weekly meeting
being "Invisible Helpers." His
remarks were based on the idea
that among the most beautiful con-
ceptions which Theosophy has
restored, the belief in helpful
agencies of nature stands pre-
eminent.

So that the children who take
part may be able to return home
as early as possible after the
dancing display by pupils of Miss
Violet Capell, she particularly re-
quests those who will be present
at the Theatre Royal to-morrow
(9.15 p.m.) and on Monday (6.15
p.m.), that seats be taken prompt-
ly to time, compliance with which will
be greatly appreciated.

Two hundred and forty silver
pennies of the time of Henry II.
were found by a workman while
excavating for a new house just out-
side the Leicester city boundary.
They were in an earthenware vase,
and most of them were in a bad con-
dition, some having been clipped.
The find has been reported to the
county coroner, and as the coins
are treasure-trove an inquest will
be necessary.

Sentence of six months' hard
labour and twenty strokes of the
birch was imposed by Mr. W.
Schofield (at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday) on a Chinese
pleading guilty to snatching a
gold bangle from a native woman
who was shopping in Dundas
Street. Defendant was caught
after a chase by a Water Police
seaman and a Shantung constable.

The jurors' list is published in
the supplement to to-day's "Govern-
ment Gazette."

Tenders are being invited for
the supply of summer clothing to
the Prison staff.

On March 1 sunrise is at 6.48
and sunset is at 6.27. On March 31
sunrise is at 6.18 and sunset is
at 6.38.

A thief breaking open the offer-
tory boxes at St. Katherine's
Church, Northampton, secured two
farthings.



Sir Hugh Biron, Marshal of
the Royal Air Force of Great
Britain, the first man to wear that
rank. The rank was created in
1919, but was left for years un-
filled, until Sir Hugh received his ap-
pointment. Among the many de-
corations which he has received
from his own and other countries
is the Distinguished Service Medal,
awarded by the United States.

The report and statement of ac-
counts connected with Alexandra
Day in 1926 mentions that £50,000
was collected in London, being
£4,600 more than in 1925. In the
country and Dominions overseas
over £100,000 was raised for local
hospitals and charities which
directly benefit the sick.

While the banks are only tak-
ing a "half holiday" on race days
next week, the Hong Kong Stock
Exchange will be entirely closed
during the four days.

Nos. 14, 16, 18, 20 and 23, Tal
Wo Street were sold at the China
Auction Rooms yesterday for
\$71,000 (a rise of over \$20,000).
The purchaser was Mr. Wong Kwai-
ching.

Mr. Bernard Baron, the chief
of Carreras (Ltd.), the well-known
firm of tobacco manufacturers, has
made a donation of £10,000 to the
Royal Westminster Ophthalmic
Hospital, King William Street,
London.

The death has occurred at
Burnhill Green, near Wolverhampton,
of William Fox, who lived in
five reigns, and celebrated his
100th birthday last October, receiv-
ing a congratulatory telegram from
the King and Queen.

The organ recital by Mr.
Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., at the
Cathedral Hall last night was no
less successful than its predeces-
sors. Opening with Guilmant's
Prelude in C Minor, followed by
Traumerel (Schumann), two com-
positions of Coleridge Taylor, the
Prelude and Fugue in E Minor by
Bach and concluding with three
light movements by McDowell and
Grey's Grand Choeur in F, the
programme was of wide appeal
and provided a veritable feast of
good music.

Another famous home has be-
come an hotel. This is Blair-
Adam, Kinross-shire, the home of
the Adam family, so famous ar-
chitecturally through the three bro-
thers Adam (says the "Star"). The
mansion is a handsome one, and
there are lovely grounds, parts of
which are described in "The
Abbot." This novel was planned in
1819 at Blair-Adam, where Scott
was a frequent visitor of the then
owner, Lord Chief Commissioner
William Adam, a friend of Fox and
George IV. The founder of the
Blair-Adam line was William Adam,
an eminent architect, who, in the
eighteenth century, became owner
of the estate of Blair, built a man-
sion, also a village that he called
Maryburgh after his wife. The
property came into the market, and
was sold through the tenant, and
of Sir Charles Adam, first and last
holder of a baronetcy which had
been intended for his father.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The King has approved the ap-
pointment of the Venerable Claude
Martin Blagden, M.A., Archdeacon
of Coventry and Rector of Rugby, to
the Bishopric of Peterborough,
vacant by the translation of the
Right Reverend Cyril Charles
Bowman Bardsley, M.A., D.D., to
the Bishopric of Leicester.

To-day's "Government Gazette"
announces that Captain Gerald
H. H. Bell, 2nd Battalion, the King's
Own Scottish Borderers, has resign-
ed his appointment as Adjutant in
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps. Brevet-Major Robert Alex-
ander Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C.,
the Gordon Highlanders taking his
place from February 8.

The death is announced in Paris
of Josef Holman, the Dutch
cellist. Mr. Holman, who was
aged 75, was born at Maastricht,
where his father was burgomaster.
He began to study music seriously
at the age of 14 at Brussels, and
had his first professional engage-
ment at 17. Afterwards he played
in many countries and was much
honoured by the musical public.

The day before she sailed with
the Duke on their Empire tour the
Duchess of York made a final
inspection of 145. Piccadilly, W.,
which will be their new home when
they return. The 60 workmen who
are transforming what was once the
residence of Sir William Bess into
one of the brightest homes in Lon-
don were making the changes sug-
gested by the Duchess during
her last visit. It will be
into an almost entirely blue
and white house that the
Duke and Duchess will enter
when they return to London in the
summer. No paper will cover the
walls, except those of the servants'
rooms, but blue paint will be used
instead. The Duchess's boudoir,
which was originally a domed con-
servatory, will be blue throughout,
with blue-painted fittings and blue
lamp-shades.

The following deaths were
announced in mail week—
Lieut. Col. Robert Fraser Stand-
age, who during the Great
War served with the East Africa
Field Force, had a fatal seizure,
while playing bridge at the East
India United Service Club, St.
James's square, S.W., aged 59; Sir
Whitworth Wallis, director of Bir-
mingham Corporation Museum and
Art Gallery since 1885, and formerly
in charge of the Indian collec-
tions at the South Kensington
Museum, at Stratford-on-Avon,
aged 71; Mabel Sara Vasson, at
Avonmore, the widow of the 6th
and last Viscount Avonmore; at
Clifford, Bournemouth, and Miss
Mary Sophia Jarvis, of Uttoxeter,
Staffordshire, who, with her sister
and friends, raised more than
£5,000 for the Church Missionary
Society by a sale of work held an-
nually for 45 years, aged 79.

Mr. Thomas William Ainsworth
has been appointed to act as an
Assistant to the Secretary for
Chinese Affairs.

The Rev. Fr. George Byrne,
D.Ph., has been appointed a mem-
ber of the Board of Education for
a period of two years, with effect
from February 28.

The name of Mr. Frederick Bunje,
Alexandria Building, has been added
to the Colony's register of medical
practitioners. Mr. Bunje is a mem-
ber of the Royal College of Surgeons
(England); and licentiate of the
Royal College of Physicians (Lon-
don).



Lacrisia Bori, prima donna of
the Metropolitan Opera. She comes
from a well-known old Spanish
military family. Her father was a
colonel of artillery, and her mother
a noble woman of high literary and
musical attainments. She studied
in Milan, making her debut as
Micaela, in "Carmen," at the Con-
stanti, in Rome, and has since sung
extensively in Europe and South
America.

"It would be interesting to know,"
writes "Colophon" in the "John
London's Weekly" about the ap-
pointment of Mr. Low to "The Even-
ing Standard" as a salary of £4,500.
"The salaries earned by other great
cartoonists, such as Poy of "The
Daily Mail," W. K. Haselden of
"The Daily Mirror," and last but
not least, the father of Pip, Squal,
and Wilfred, I am inclined to
fancy that Mr. Tom Webster com-
mands a salary even greater than
that which Mr. Low is reported to
have accepted."

The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week:—
Mr. Richard Moreland, president of
East Islington Conservative and
Unionist Association for the past
30 years; at Highbury-quadrant, N.,
aged 93; and Mr. Charles Edward
Freeman, Registrar to Huddersfield
County Court for 30 years, aged 81.

The Duchess of York has taken
with her on her tour the "Baby
Book," containing photographs of
the little Princess Elizabeth,
which she and the Duke have been
keeping, it is stated. All the
photographs were taken by the
Duke or the Duchess, and include
"snaps" of the Duke "nursing"
his offspring, as well as all the
usual "studies" in which young
parents naturally delight. Only a
few privileged people outside the
Royal circle are allowed to see
this book.

Miss Edith Beesley, who has been
appointed manager of the West End
branch of the Southern Life Assur-
ance Association, probably the first
woman to hold a position of this
kind, said to a reporter that it was
the spin of a coin that decided her
to take up insurance as a career.
"I have been in business since
1911 and am convinced that there
is a great field for women in the
insurance world. I have trained one
or two women as inspectors and
have proved that women are a dis-
tinct asset in various branches of
insurance work." During the war
Miss Beesley, whose father was a
bank manager, was one of the first
20 women to obtain the Royal Auto-
mobile Club's driving certificate.
Before the war she started as an
insurance agent in Cape Town. For
the past 7 years she has been in
charge of the women's department
of an assurance company.

Miss Betty Nuthall, the girl lawn
tennis champion of Great Britain,
who is 15, told a reporter why she
had recently been shingled. "The
truth is that I am just a modern
girl, and I don't like to look like a
baby," she said. "I always
have to mix with and they
rather 'chipped' me for my
'kiddish' appearance. You see, I
am now 5 feet 8 inches tall, and it
looked so silly to wear my hair down
my back. I feel much smarter now
I have been shingled. Mother did
not like it a bit, but every time
I went to the hairdresser I had a
little bit more clipped off, until it
looked so silly that I had to get
shingled." Mrs. Nuthall said she
did not like to think that Betty had
grown up. "She is only 15, but
being such a big girl, she looks 17
with her shingle," said Mrs. Nuthall.
"Fifteen months ago, she
had hair almost to her waist, but I
must admit she looks better
shingled."

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SPORTS SECTION

RACING NOTES.

Facts About the Annual Meeting.

A COMPARATIVE REVIEW.

[By "Patrol".]

At the moment of writing, the weather forecast is not quite what is desired but conditions have been much worse and Hong Kong's multitudes have previously still enjoyed the annual race meeting.

Hardly any alteration has been made to the arrangements, either for members or for the public, at the race course and in the grand stand, so that everything should go through without a hitch.

The programme is not quite the same as it was last year. There are 40 races (ten each day) as against 43 twelve months ago. Some of the conditions have been altered slightly. In one or two instances the stakes have been increased, and the distances of a number of races have been altered.

All in all, the ponies are better matched this year and the even lot of subs should provide some fine sport.

Good Fields Again.

Altogether there are 124 ponies entered for the meeting but a small minority will not carry silk either through having gone wrong in training or because of unsuitability.

I anticipate as good fields as we had last year. If not better.

For the first time, Chinese owners will be taking part. Mr. Ho Kung-tong, who is a very enthusiastic turfite, has a string of seven ponies and Mr. H. L. Yung has one candidate.

We shall also see a Chinese jockey for the first time, this being Mr. Wong (for Mr. H. P. White's stable), and who is a very capable gentleman rider.

"Grand Old Man" Missed.

This year, Hong Kong will miss the "Grand Old Man" of the local turf owing to the death of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, whose colours (straw, white cap) have made history in the China turf during the last sixty years.

By a coincidence, Sir Paul's redoubtable trainer, Chai Ling, is now handling Mr. L. Dunbar's ponies, favourites for the 1927 Derby and Sir Paul won the 1926 Derby.

A distinguished personality in Sir Victor Sassoon, who also races extensively at Home and in Shanghai, will be taking part next week. He races as "Mr. Eve" and his ponies are all named "Eve" with a distinguishing prefix of course. Sir Victor also has "Benaki," the Tientsin flier, which was purchased from General Sutton (Marshall Chang Tso-lin's adviser) and for whom the pony won many races.

Ladies will again be actually represented in the sport. Mrs. R. J. Paterson owns one of the biggest local stables and others whose names are down are Mrs. R. M. Austin, Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mrs. H. H. Friedley.

A perusal of the race book will show that there are still a good many who go in for fancy nomenclature both in names-de-plume and in selection of names for their ponies.

Among the pony "strings" are the Bays, the Eves, the Kings, the Callas, the Elves (beginning with G.), the Hallas, the Boys, the Mountains &c. and there is one in The Pink Lady which may or may not be the hall-mark of elegance.

The Big Stables.

With Sir Paul's stable having been disposed of, the "most ponies" distinction falls to Messrs. F. C. Hall and W. E. L. Shenton and to Mr. Dynasty. The list of leading owners according to numbers is—

Messrs. Hall & Shenton	9
Mr. Dynasty	9
Mr. Eve	7
Messrs. Dyer & Beth	7
Mr. Ho Kung-tong	7
Mrs. R. J. Paterson	7
Mr. R. M. Austin	6
Mr. L. Dunbar	6
Mr. Rode	6
Messrs. Tug & Priestley	6
Mr. H. P. White	6

While on the subject of the book, I must point out that it is not the example of perfection it has been.

A number of ponies whose names have changed have been put merely under their new names without the customary appellation (late so-and-so).

Picking Out The Field.

In studying the entries I also came across at least one instance in which I had grave doubts as to whether a pony which was entered in a certain race would be qualified to run under the conditions specified.

Another feature which struck me was the innovation—if it is one—of having either hoops or stripes on the sleeves separate from the general scheme. This sort of thing is very helpful when trying to sort out a big field from an awkward angle and when there are two more closely alike.

Identification is made easier by an occasional smart-looking stripe or hoop on the sleeves.

Points of interest for the laymen are explained elsewhere on this page.

TIMES & ROUTES.

How to Get Down to the Races.

NOTES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

What is the best time to go down to the races next week?

Such a question has often been asked by hundreds who attend Hong Kong's annual race meeting just for the fun of doing so. The majority of those perplexed belong to the fair sex.

The first race on each of the four days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday) is at 12 noon. To be able to buy a ticket on that race, one should arrive not later than 11.45 a.m.

Three races then follow, at intervals of approximately half an hour or slightly less. That takes the day on to about 1.30 p.m. when there is a break for lunch.

When & Not When.

Accordingly, it will not be of much use leaving town at about one o'clock to see consecutive racing. But tiffin and refreshments can be had on the course—the catering being in the capable hands of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.—and there are facilities in both the members' and the public enclosure.

At 2.10 p.m., the saddling bell will be rung for the fifth race. This is in the nature of a "stand by" and the ponies will probably be running by 2.40 p.m. So that if one started at 2 p.m., there would be about time to arrive for the latter part of the day's events.

Each race follows at intervals of 30 minutes or so and the last race ought to be run shortly after five o'clock.

The card comprises ten races on each of the four days, in the order explained above.

As in former years, only one way wheeled traffic will be permitted.

MONDAY'S RACES.

"Patrol's" Tips for the 1st Day's Events.

Owners not having made all the necessary arrangements as to which specific events they will choose for their respective ponies on Monday, "Patrol's" final selections have been deferred.

In the first (early) edition on Monday will be found the tips for the day with closing comment and notes.

During race week, there will be special editions of the "China Mail" on each of the four days, the last editions containing the full racing results.

In the final editions of Monday and Tuesday, "Patrol" will give his tips for the following day.

round Happy Valley with police pointmen in charge at all turns and stops.

How Long It Takes.

By tram one should allow upwards of 25 minutes to reach the grand stand from the Post Office but the journey by motor can be shortened by half.

Of most interest is the Hong Kong Derby, the third race on the second day. No breeding is done here so that the race is not for three-year-olds but for griffins, i.e., ponies which up to the meeting have not run in an official race.

On the third day (eightth race) is the Champions Stakes, in which only winners at the meeting can start. This race will see the best ponies of the meeting in competition for the coveted honours.

It is on these two races that most of the big cash sweeps are decided.

The Big Sweeps.

Outside of the Jockey Club, there are the following with substantial prizes—Chinese Club, Share-brokers' Association, Compradores' Guild and several others.

On the first day, there are three races for griffins with, perhaps, the winner of the Trial Stakes (6th race) as the possible winner of the Derby on Tuesday. About the "biggest" race for subscription griffins is the Valley Stakes (4th race); and that for the "old" ponies is the Victoria Stakes (3rd race) as it generally gives a line on Champions prospects.

Next to the Derby on Tuesday come (for old ponies) the Exchange Plate (2nd race) and the Challenge Cup (7th race); for subs. and Subscriptions Griffins' Challenge Cup (4th race).

Ladies' Day.

Wednesday is "Ladies' Day." The Governor's Cup is the 3rd race and the Ladies' Purse the 4th. Then comes the tiffin interval, prior to which are the time-honoured ceremony of presenting His Excellency's trophy and one of the fair sex hands over the purse of sovereigns to the winning jockey who then has the privilege of escorting her to lunch. All interest is centred on the Champions.

The fourth day is still spoken of as the "Off Day," but that is no more a correct description than is the term "Gymkhana" for an extra meeting. It is now essentially the fourth day of a meeting and at least five of the ten races are of comparative importance.

SAILOR BOXERS.

PROMISING MEN AMONG NOVICES.

GAMENESS FOR SKILL.

Gameness was the outstanding point in the absence of skill, at the novices boxing tournament of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force (China Station, Hong Kong), which began last night at the R.N. Canteen Theatre, Praya East.

The finals will be fought tonight.

The tournament officials are Commander Ratsey, Lt.-Comdr. Scott Bell, Lt.-Comdr. Drinkwater, Lt. Garrett, Lt. Robinson, Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C. B. (commanding the First Cruiser Squadron) is to present the prizes to-night.

The object of the meeting is to find extra talent for H.K.B.A. matches.

Last night's results were—

Featherweights.

A. B. Platts (Titania) beat A. B. Wood (Bluebell).

O. S. Wright (Dragon) beat Stoker Harley (Hermes).

Boy McGuire (Dragon) beat O. S. Gates (Danae).

A. B. Friend (Titania) beat O. S. Dawson (Hermes).

A. B. Newstead (Hermes) beat A. B. Mitchell (Hermes).

O. S. Wakeling (Danae) beat Stoker Henderson (Despatch).

Boy Rowlands (Frobisher) beat Boy Salmon (Delhi).

Lightweights.

Stoker Carr (Titania) beat O. S. Gentle (Dragon).

Stoker Hickey (Ambrose) beat Stoker Simmons (Titania).

A. B. Spencer (Hermes) beat A. B. White (Hermes).

L. A. C. Davies (Hermes) beat A. B. Curtis (Hermes).

O. S. Williams (Dragon) beat Boy Lee (Danae).

A. B. Newstead (Hermes) beat Stoker Marshall (Hermes).

A. B. Neiche (Dragon) beat O. S. Gentle (Dragon).

Stoker Hickey (Ambrose) beat Stoker Carr (Titania).

L. A. C. Davies beat A. B. Spencer (Hermes).

Welterweights.

Stoker McKelvie (Titania) beat A. B. Brown (Proquols).

A. B. Snell (Delhi) beat Stoker Marshall (Hermes).

Stoker Russell (Despatch) beat A. B. Gritt (Despatch).

O. S. Gibbs (Hermes) beat Boy Garrett (Delhi).

Stoker Russell (Despatch) beat A. B. Snell (Delhi).

Stoker Bryant (Hermes) beat O. S. Gibbs (Hermes).

Stoker McGuire (Despatch) beat A. B. Thompson (Delhi).

Stoker Harrison (Frobisher) beat O. S. Hall (Danae).

Sig. Bradley (Tamar) beat Stoker Petherick (Ambrose).

Middleweights.

Sig. Batson (Proquols) beat O. S. Williams (Despatch).

O. S. Marchant (Danae) beat Boy Tel. Linder (Despatch).

S. Poy (Marazion) beat L. S. Wilson (Ambrose).

A. B. Sutcliffe (Delhi) beat O. S. Croxtall (Delhi).

A. B. Hester (Keppel) beat Stoker Broderick (Despatch).

Ldg. Stoker Foy (Marazion) beat A. B. Sutcliffe (Delhi).

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times on the Fanling course of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club this Sunday will be as follows—

9.28 a.m., T. C. Monaghan, T. Lowe.

9.32 N. L. Smith, H. F. Bloxham.

9.36 F. A. Perry, F. Lindsay Woods.

9.40 W. Pittendrigh, J. H. Wallace.

9.44 T. G. Bennett, T. D. E. Pendered.

9.48 A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. M. Andrew.

9.52 W. J. Shenton, B. Petheram.

9.56 A. E. Lissaman, C. B. Robertson.

10.00 W. L. Dunbar, L. R. Andrews.

10.04 H. G. Hegarty, D. J. Gilmore.

10.08 W. J. Clerk, F. B. Jones.

10.12 I. W. Shewan, J. Coulthart.

10.16 R. L. Moncrieff, A. H. Ferguson.

10.20 E. D. Black, T. L. Christie.

10.24 D. Forbes, R. H. Procter.

10.28 A. B. Purves, C. O. Stark.

10.32 W. Beveridge, R. W. Lee.

10.36 A. W. Hodges, C. Waddell.

10.40 G. E. Towns, W. M. Cox.

10.44 R. A. Green, J. H. Norrie.

10.48 J. H. Hearn, H. R. Cleland.

10.52 C. A. L. Rickett, H. M. Muir.

10.56 J. F. Kennedy, F. Austin.

11.00 H. R. Sturt, A. J. Frank.

11.04 R. E. Green-Smith, A. O. Brown.

11.08 A. Leach, F. Taylor.

11.12 K. Cooke, A. Beasley.

11.16 D. B. Pant, D. Beath.

11.20 A. Piercy, A. D. Humphreys.

11.24 N. K. Littlejohn, S. T. Butlin.

11.28 E. P. Fletcher, F. M. Ellis.

11.32 G. Aubrey, R. M. Finlayson.

Tuesday (March 1).

10.20 a.m., F. M. Ellis, F. Austin.

Wednesday (March 2).

10.20 a.m., H. R. Cleland, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

NEW CHAIRMAN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE V.R.C.

NEW ELECTED OFFICERS.

In succession to Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Shirling, R.N., who has gone Home, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) has accepted the chairmanship of the Victoria Recreation Club, it was announced at the annual meeting last evening.

New officers were elected as follows—

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. James Stewart.

General Committee: Messrs. W. Logan, D. Lyon, T. Meek, A. McKirdy, W. Anderson, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, A. A. Alves, J. A. Lyon, S. H. Garrod.

Ballotting Committee: Messrs. J. B. Milne, F. W. T. Ross, A. C. Groves, G. R. Razavov, H. Hyndman, B. J. de H. Moore, W. Ward, A. J. Edgar, S. A. Marcan and C. Bond.

Lack of Enthusiasm.

Mr. W. Logan presided last night.

The chairman briefly commented upon the report, prior to which he asked the meeting to rise for a short period in memory of three members who died during the Club's year—Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. Ho Fook.

Referring to the activities of the club, Mr. W. Logan said he thought the boxing tournaments should be re-commenced as they were not only a great attraction but a source of revenue for the club. The balance sheet showed a loss of \$681.

On the proposition of the chairman, the report and statement of accounts were adopted.

It was suggested from the chair that with the arrival of the troops to the Colony a letter should be sent to the Commander-in-Chief informing him that both Naval and Military officers had the privilege of becoming members at a nominal fee.

YACHT CLUB.

END OF THE SEASON ACTIVITIES.

There will be another full yachting programme this week-end. To-day the racing yachts will compete for the Tai Yut Cup for prize-winners. The course is Lyemian Beacon (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.), Mark on Line (P.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rocks (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.). The distance is just over 10 miles.

To-morrow, the Cruisers re-sail their 5th Championship race, the course being to Lamna Island and back, a distance of 25 miles. As yet there is no indication of when the 1st Championship race, postponed from last Sunday, on account of fog and no wind, will be re-sailed.

Next Saturday there is a menagerie race for the racing yachts, and on Sunday a race in which the Club will oppose the ladies.

On the following Saturday (March 12), there is the "Ladies" cup and on March 19, the same yachts compete for the Service Members' Cup.

On Sunday, March 13 the Cruisers will sail in the Presented Cups race for their class.

H.K.V.D.C. CRICKET.

The following teams will represent the Volunteers in the under-mentioned matches during Race Week, each match to commence as soon as possible after lunch which will be taken at 12 noon.

Monday, v. Combined League, at H.K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), A. C. I. Bowker, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. Vallack, W. Wooding, H. C. Burgess, J. R. Hinton, E. C. Fincher, A. W. Ramsey, J. C. Lyle and F. T. Orr.

Tuesday, v. The Army at Club de Recreio.—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), H. C. Burgess, J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsey, G. R. Vallack, F. E. Lawrence, C. D. Wales, F. T. Orr, J. A. Summers, S. Jex and H. E. Standage.

Wednesday, v. Royal Navy at H.K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), G. R. Sayer, A. C. I. Bowker, R. Owen Hughes, A. W. Ramsey, J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, G. R. Vallack, W. Wooding, F. E. Lawrence and J. R. Hinton.

In a hockey match played on Thursday on the University ground, the "Varsity" beat the Club de Recreio by two goals to one.

In their league soccer match this afternoon, the Hong Kong F.C. will be represented by—Rodger, Wallington, Bishop, Raiton, Linaker, McBride, Taylor, Alexander, Howard, Hanson, Key.

LONG LIFE.

RECIPE FOR AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE.

PLENTY OF WATER.

A physician who, for many years had the responsibility for keeping Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the American multi-millionaire, in good health, devised for him a formula for long life.

"John D." is now eighty-seven, so the presumption is that the doctor worked along good lines.

An American millionaire, of course, has at his disposal the last words of scientific discovery. The best brains of the medical profession, the apex of the world, the latest appliances for preserving health.

Yet the formula which a clever physician handed to one of the world's richest men as a plan of life could easily be put into effect by the humblest member of society.

Here is the formula:—
"Don't worry; don't acquire overweight; drink three quarts of water daily; exercise regularly; and secure lots of fresh air while sleeping."

Excellent Formula.

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane said (says the "Daily Express") that he thought the formula an excellent one.

The water cleans out the circulation," he explained, "and carries away the foul products of digestion. Unless these products, which include uric acid, are washed away they precipitate and remain in the tissues."

"The fresh air during the night keeps the lungs and carries away the products of the combustion which takes place in the cells of the lungs. In other words, the fresh air ventilates the cells of the lungs."

"In a close room the carbonic acid and other products interfere with the exhalation from the lungs."

"The exercise which is advised stimulates the abdominal muscles and helps them to do their part of the business of keeping the body clean."

"To put the whole matter briefly, the more we revert to any animal existence the better in many ways we are."

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

February 27th, 1927.

Quinquagesima Sunday.
Holy Communion (8 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. J. Holden, Bishop in Kwangse, Hunan.

Bishop for the Sick (12 noon).
Evangelion (6 p.m.) Preacher, Rev. G. T. Walgrave, D. G. C. Masonic service, open to all.

Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.
Matins & Litany 10.45.
Evangelion 6.30.
Thursday, Choral Evangelion and address by Rev. G. H. Hewitt R.N. 5.45 p.m.

Friday, Organ Recital by Mr. Mason 5.45 p.m.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

Queen's Road East, Wanchai, (near Royal Naval Hospital).

Sunday, February 27th, 1927.

Services at 10.15 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Preacher at both services: Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

Subjects: Morning, "Does Anybody Need to be Saved?" Evening, "The Psychology of Power." Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, (Corner House), Chaplain's Meeting and Social Hour at 3.15 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

3.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. (Preacher: the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach).

2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Bible Class.
6 p.m.—Confirmation Service conducted by the Bishop of Victoria. (Preacher: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Holden, of Kwangse, Hunan).

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Wednesday Evening Meeting at 8.30 p.m.
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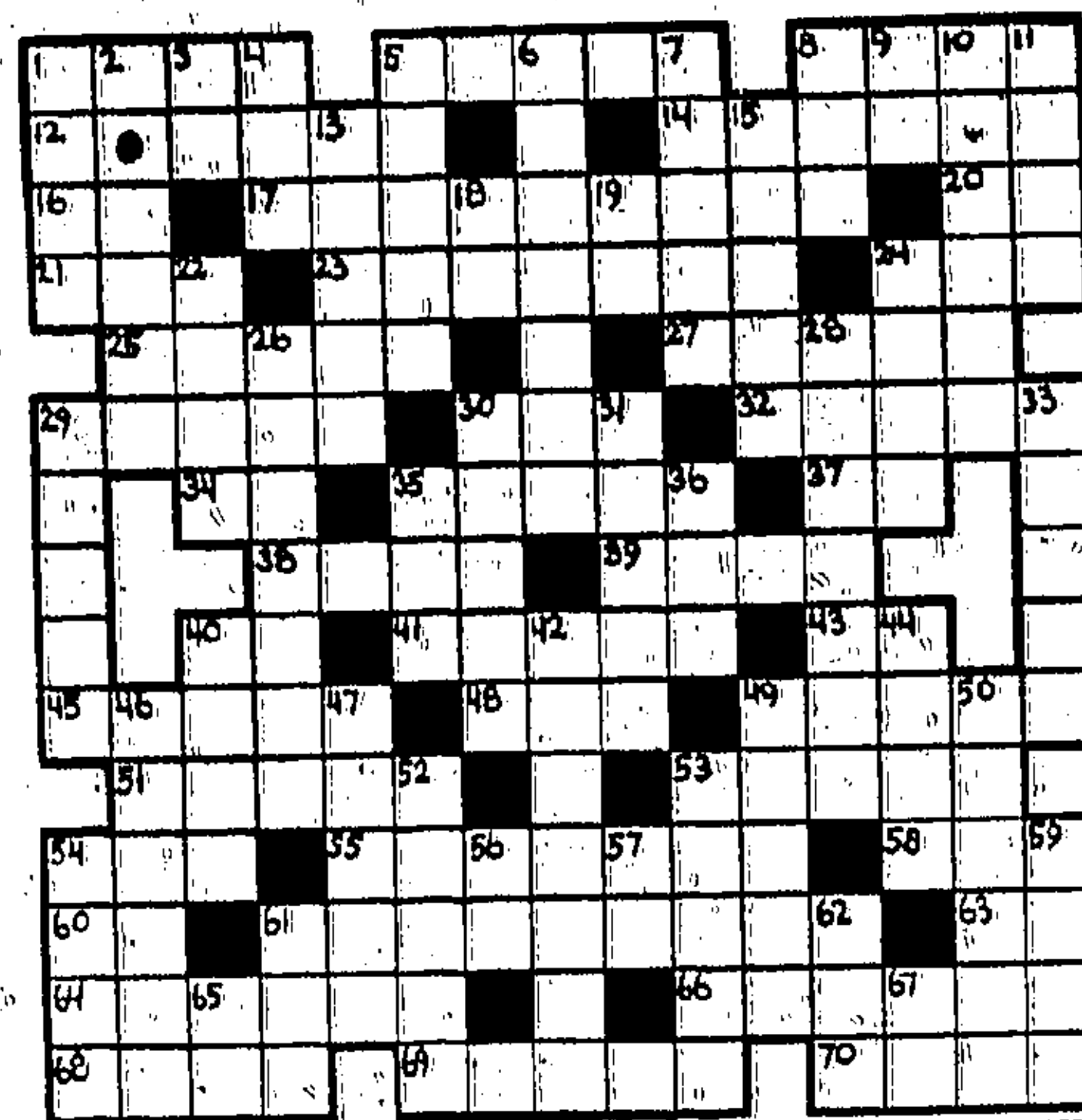
Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Monday and Thursday 8 to 10 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the Services and visit the Reading Room.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Identical
- 2-Asiatic country
- 3-Biblical sound
- 12-Ditch
- 14-Sew
- 16-Conjunction
- 17-Determination of the nature of a disease
- 22-Old English (abbr.)
- 21-False hair
- 23-Drawn off by degrees
- 24-To begin to grow
- 25-Casts a vote
- 27-Tall candle
- 29-To restrain from acting
- 30-Jewel
- 32-Line for holding a dog
- 34-Exclamation
- 37-Infernal regions
- 38-Twenty quires
- 39-Loans
- 40-From
- 41-More certain
- 43-Part of verb "to be"
- 45-Casual
- 46-Sailor
- 48-A bird
- 51-Back street

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53-One of the disciples
- 54-Pry
- 55-Deer meat
- 56-A bite
- 60-Meaning "all right" (abbr.)
- 61-Condiment
- 63-To this degree
- 64-Slanders
- 65-A tar
- 68-A variety of quartz
- 69-One of the five senses
- 70-Pas ed away

VERTICAL

- 23-Member of race that overran Rome
- 24-Defeat
- 25-Causing tears
- 26-European farm laborer
- 29-A play
- 30-The whole range
- 31-Measure of length
- 33-Depend
- 35-Possessive
- 36-Form of address
- 40-Sole
- 42-Portions of food for a day
- 44-Aspect
- 45-Small square cloth
- 47-Even
- 49-Plant of the bean family
- 50-Piece of confinement
- 52-Remitting agent
- 53-Salaries
- 54-Piece for one performer
- 56-Province of Canada (abbr.)
- 57-Symbol for tin
- 58-A small office
- 59-Gender
- 62-Vehicle
- 65-Alongside of
- 67-Behold

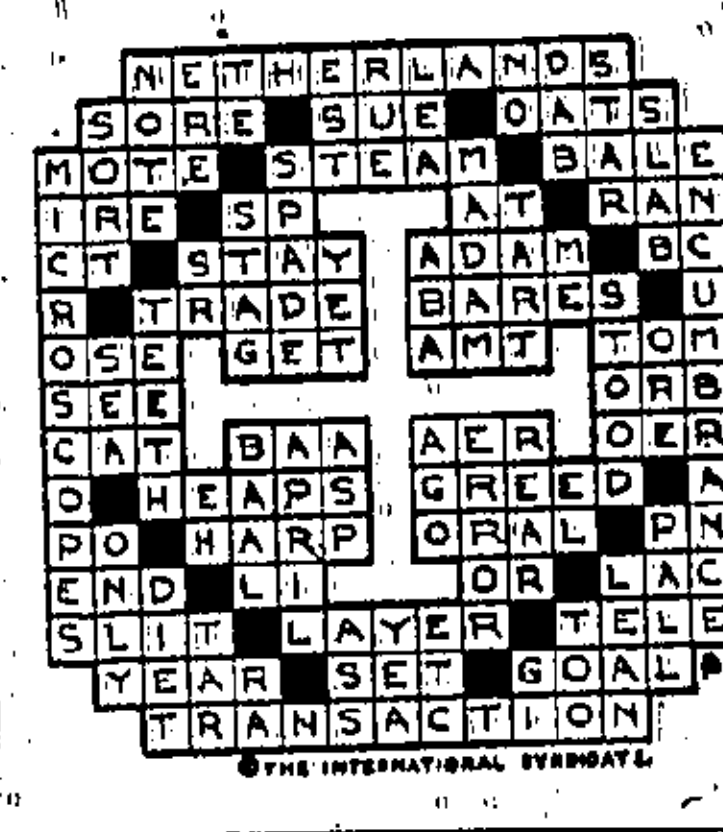
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

KLAUSEN HILL CLIMB.

At the Klausen Hill Club, recently the fastest time in the 3-litre class was made by M. Hurlimann, a well-known Swiss motorist, driving a standard 3-litre Sunbeam. Although opposed by some of the finest Continental cars, Mr. Hurlimann had no difficulty in winning the 3-litre class, and proving once again the supremacy of the 3-litre Sunbeam, which has been generally designated "the most wonderful car in the world."

It will be recalled that last year at the Klausen Hill Climb the late Count Masetti set up a new record for the hill on a 2-litre Sunbeam.

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MOTORING SECTION

MARINE MOTORS.

BRITISH ORDERS FOR OVERSEAS.

Messrs. J. W. Brooke & Co., Ltd., of Lowestoft, have a large amount of orders on hand at their marine motor works for overseas districts, including South America, India, West Africa, Australia, Malaya, and the Sudan.

A batch of 14 h.p. 2-cylinder Fisherman's motors, a model popular in South America, was included in the latest repeat order from this district, while the latest order from Australia comprises motors ranging in the smaller powers up to the 10 h.p. 4-cylinder Brooke "Empire" motor, a model now extensively used in Australian craft.

One of the motors for West Africa is an 18 h.p. 4-cylinder model for installation in a British-built steel launch to be used on the Niger.

The repeat order for a number of Brooke "Empire" motors just received from Singapore is but one of a number of widespread districts from which the popular motor is being demanded.

Complete motor craft figure too amongst overseas work in which this firm are busily engaged.

One of the fastest craft building is a 30-ft. teak launch with a beam of 6 ft. 6 in. and a speed of about 27 m.p.h. for service on the Hooghly River. The launch is building to the order of Mr. Eric Hayward, of Calcutta, who had a similar boat built by this firm some years ago.

THE 4100 CAR.

In connection with the recent Motor Show at Olympia there was much talk in many of the papers about the forthcoming availability of a car marketable in Great Britain at £200. One or two vehicles so priced were, in fact, shown, but the lowest priced car exhibited at Olympia and actually representing a proved model produced in substantial quantities and already giving satisfaction to large numbers of users was the Trojan utility car. The chassis for this, fitted with solid tyres, sells in Great Britain at £115, and the complete four-seater car at £125. The four-seater is quite a substantial vehicle in size as well as in construction. It provides ample accommodation for four passengers and is sold complete with electric lighting, set and horn, speedometer, two-piece glass windscreen, rigid side screens, patent quick-raising hood and side curtains forming a most effective all-weather equipment—mats and a generous kit of tools. From the mechanical point of view the Trojan is certainly unusual, but equally certainly it is not untried. It has, in fact, proved itself in many parts of the world. Built by the manufacturers of the famous Leyland commercial vehicles, its low price is attributable partly to substantial quantity, production and partly to the extreme simplicity of its mechanism. Its 4-cylinder 2-stroke engine drives through an epicyclic gear and a single duplex chain to the rear axle shaft. The long cantilever springs give exceptionally smooth running, which renders the use of solid tyres consistent with comfort even on rough hard roads. At the same time, a pneumatic tyre model with modified gear ratios is available at a slightly higher price for those who want a utility car of somewhat higher speed capabilities than are possessed by the solid-tyred model.

BAYLISS-THOMAS STEERING.

Easy steering and absolute control are features of the Bayliss-Thomas steering gear which is fitted as standard to the well-known British light car, the Bayliss-Thomas. The principle is entirely different from other types in that it gives a fine rolling motion by employing a revolving roller as against the rubbing action always present when gear wheels are used.

Even after years of hard work there is not even the slightest backlash, as is the case with other steering gears. Another feature of the Bayliss gear is that the car can be steered without any effort over the roughest pot-holed roads without the shock coming through the steering wheel.

MOTOR ADVICE.

LECTURE BY EXPERIENCED RESIDENT.

AT ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

A lecture of interest and help to motorists by a local resident of considerable experience in these matters was given at the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders last night, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Vice-President, being in the Chair.

The lecturer was Mr. C. B. Lambert and his paper on "Some Automobile Troubles and How To Avoid Them" was illustrated by diagrams.

The key-note of his discourse was that prevention is better than cure and he pointed out that in the course of his "work" he had on innumerable occasions to remonstrate with more or less experienced owners and drivers about their neglect of even the most simple precautions against accident and mechanical derangement.

With the object of warning those responsible, financially or otherwise, for the driving and upkeep of business and private motors of the risk of certain forms of neglect, ill use and methods of driving, the lecturer dipped into his recollection of the past, detailed various happenings which could have been avoided and gave his opinion as to why and how they were brought about.

Under the heads of "Carburettor Flare Up," "Magneto Failure," "Neglect of Lighting Batteries," "The Dynamo Fuse," "Working the Starter" and "Loss of Power in the Engine," the lecturer explained in lucid and interesting manner how the relatively inexperienced owner and driver might be assisted, the former to instruct or check his drivers and the latter to ward off discredit which cannot fail to attach to him when avoidable mishaps mature.

PRIZES FOR CLEANLINESS.

No moralist would ever claim that a death-bed repentance could rank as equal with a life-long saintliness. Neither would anyone else who had to make practical application of either principle.

Least of all the driver of a lorry whose machine was likely to be entered for one of the Commercial Motor Users' Association parades that are held annually in many leading British towns and cities. For these men know that it is far easier to keep a machine clean all ways than feverishly attempt to furnish up at the last moment one that has been neglected during the remainder of the year.

It is interesting to note that at the two principal parades this year—those held in London and Manchester—the prizes for fleets of three vehicles of any make were won by Dennis lorries, entered respectively by the Gas, Light and Coke Co. and the Manchester Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd. The drivers of these winning vehicles undoubtedly take a pride in their machines, keeping the exposed parts in as good working order as the hidden; for the best machines undoubtedly deserve the best treatment. It may be mentioned, as it explains in some measure the popularity of Dennis productions, that each of the three lorries belonging to the Manchester C.W.S. was six years old. No wonder the various Co-operative Societies of Great Britain have over 1,000 Dennis vehicles operating up and down the Old Country.

LIGHT CAR PETROL ECONOMY.

Now the statistician has turned to the petrol consumption and with his sharp pencil he started to figure out the economic advantage of the new type of light car, as exemplified by the Overland Whippet. With approximately 600 of these motor cars being delivered to owners every day and with the normal desire of the new owner to keep a record of the mileage he secures from the petrol used, figures are available from all parts of the world. Records run as high as 45 miles to the Imperial gallon over long distances. They, average around 35 miles.

RELIABILITY.

ALPINE CONTEST IN AUSTRALIA.

The roads and tours committee of the Royal Automobile Club of Australia has made such progress with the organization of its proposed 10 days' alpine reliability contest that it is able to announce that the fixture will be held between March 11 and March 20, the competitors being eight days on the road. They will visit the two most famous of Australia's mountain peaks, Mount Kosciuszko and Mount Buffalo (Victoria), and also Lakes Entrance at the entrance to the famous Gippsland Lakes, and traverse a great section of the Prince's Highway. Other points of interest included in the proposed route will be the Federal capital, the Murray River at Albury, Eden, and Twofold Bay, and the multitude of beauty spots along the Prince's Highway.

The conditions governing the trial have not yet been adopted, but the committee has decided that there shall be three classes, (A) for cars 1500 c.c. and under, (B) over 1500 and under 3000 c.c., and (C) over 3000 c.c. It is hoped that these three classes will attract a large entry in each, but should any one of them fail to fill satisfactorily there will be a fresh division into two classes. The details of the route are as follows:—March 11, Sydney to Canberra; March 12, Canberra to Kosciuszko Hotel; March 13, remain at Kosciuszko Hotel; March 14, Kosciuszko to Albury; March 15, Albury to Mount Buffalo, Victoria; March 16, remain at Mount Buffalo; March 17, Mount Buffalo to Lakes Entrance; March 18, Lakes Entrance to Bega, N.S.W.; March 19, Bega to Kiama; March 20, Kiama to Sydney.

B.S.A. CYCLES.

An Independent Press Opinion.

"The Motor Cycle" said of B.S.A. at the recent Motor Cycle Show at Olympia:—

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B.S.A. 1927 models offer even greater value than before; many details improvements having been made. All models now have international expanding brakes of ample dimensions, an improved mechanical lubrication system, grease-gun lubrication, and 3-speed gear-box. B.S.A. steering damper and shock absorbers to front forks are fitted to 4.93 h.p. de luxe, 5.57 h.p., 7.70 h.p., and 9.86 h.p. models. Special attention has been paid to silencing, and all 1927 B.S.A. models have efficient silencers of improved design.

Any one interested should send for a copy of the B.S.A. 1927 catalogue, and an interesting booklet just issued, "Trials and Trophies," describing and illustrating the numerous awards won on B.S.A. machines during the past season.

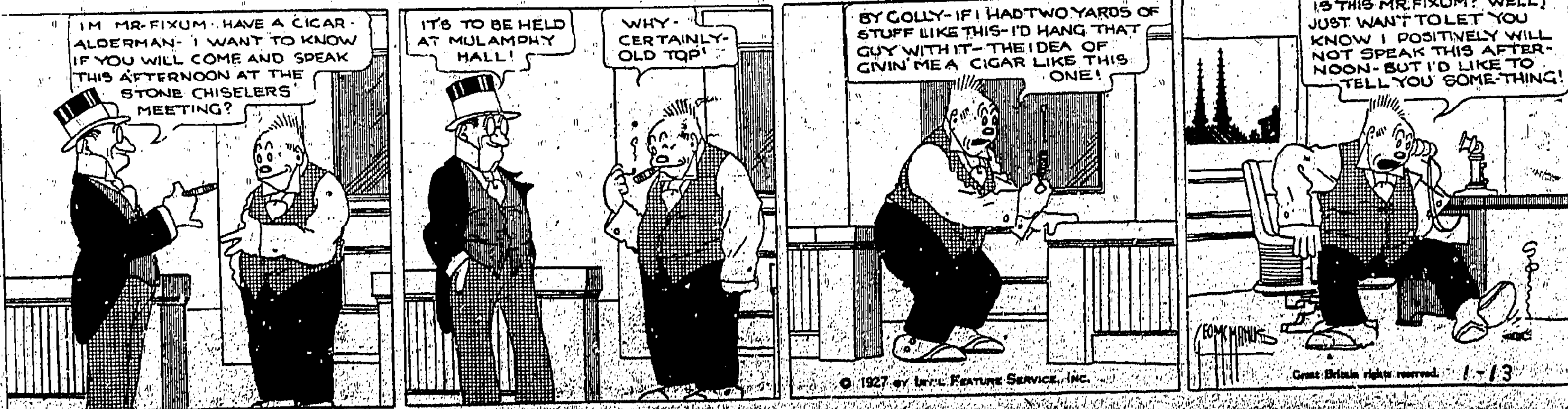
BRITISH MOTOR EXPORTS.

A gratifying feature of the British automobile industry is the considerable and well-sustained increase in exports during 1926. Overseas buyers are undoubtedly grasping the true value offered in sound British cars, and more and more makers are turning their attention, with great seriousness, to the unparalleled opportunities awaiting them in overseas markets. Britain can supply the goods, and with energy should soon get back to the status she held overseas in days before the war. "The Autocar" points out that the exports for the first nine months of 1926 totalled £6,333,274. This shows a very slight falling off compared with the same period for 1925, when the figures were £6,787,841, but indicates a sustained advance over the 1924 figures for a similar period, these amounting to £4,518,956.

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**THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.**

Dean Page Roberts, of High-lands, Shanks, Isle of Wight, formerly Dean of Salisbury, has celebrated his 91st birthday.

While hunting with the Cottemore Foxhounds, Rutland, Miss Yorke was thrown into a ditch and had her arm broken when her horse fell.

William Bevan, 48, a miner, of Cemetery Road, Seven Sisters, Nenth, Glamorgan, killed himself with gelignite, on which he lay after lighting the fuse.

Sir Neville Howse, V.C., a member of the Australian delegation to the Imperial Conference, has just left a nursing home after an illness lasting five weeks.

In a fire which almost entirely destroyed Leiston Hall, Leiston, Suffolk, the owner, Mr. A. J. Weary, a farmer, roused his mother, aged 80, and conducted her to safety.

Mr. Alfred Elliott, a Bethnal Green Schoolmaster, while on a visit to his parents in Newcastle-on-Tyne, slipped and fell when getting into a friend's motor-car and died later in hospital.

The King was among many who sent congratulations to Mr. John Jones, of Cricketh, Carnarvonshire, said to be Britain's oldest retired stationmaster, who celebrated his 100th birthday.

While riding a motor-cycle on Epping new road, Miss Jessie Irwin, of Springfield Road, Chingford, Essex, was kicked and severely injured by a horse tied to the rear of a car, and she died in hospital later.

Making a forced landing, an aeroplane piloted by Mr. Roland Ernest Watson struck a post and overturned on the South Metropolitan Gas Works sports ground at Horn Lane, East Greenwich, but Mr. Watson escaped injury.

The body of Baron Ikeda, a major on the reserve list of the Japanese Army, was found lying beside a picture of the late Emperor in his house at Tokyo with a letter stating that he had shot himself with the object of following his late ruler.

Sir Wyndham Deedes, Civil Secretary to the Palestine Administration, is visiting Warsaw to study the Zionist question in Poland.

Revolvers and dogs are at present in great demand in London, especially among women. This is due to the large number of burglaries.

Convictions for drunkenness in the State-controlled liquor area of Carlisle last year numbered 96, compared with 73 in the previous year.

At the age of 100, Mrs. P. E. Harrison died at Grandchester Vicarage, the residence of her son, the Rev. W. R. Harrison. The deceased lady was a grand-niece of Jane Austen.

"I have on the identical pair of trousers to-night that I wore on my first appearance here fifty-four years ago," said a farmer at Ochiltree, Ayrshire, schoolfellows' reunion dinner.

A letter from the King and Queen, addressed from Sandringham, was the most gratifying birthday "present" received by Mrs. Hillhouse, of Park Lane, Croydon, who celebrated her hundredth birthday.

Three armed motor bandits raided the Killarney branch of Munster and Leinster Bank. They ordered the officials to put up their hands, and took away all available cash in the bank, including a large number of cheques.

The marriage of Sir Richard Graham, aged 37, of Netherby, Cumberland, to Mrs. James Graham, widow of his younger brother, at Marylebone register office, was the third matrimonial venture of both bride and bridegroom.

Professor Vacca, of the Turin Observatory, announces that he has found a new planet, says a "Central News" message from Rome. The discovery was made on the night of December 5. The appearance of the new heavenly body is "that of a star of the twelfth magnitude, so that it is far beyond the range of any ordinary telescope."

In Etham Road, Lee Green, S.E., Valentine James, Linkins, aged about 50, a jobbing gardener, of Lampstead Road, Lee, was run over and fatally injured by a motor-lorry.

The mutilated body of Gladys Ruth Mann, aged 23, daughter of Mr. Jesse Mann, timber merchant of Haslemere, Surrey, was found on the Southern Railway between Haslemere and Liphook Stations.

Mr. John Daniel, who has just died in the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, S.W., was nominated to "Alexandra No. 2" Bed by the late Queen Alexandra in February 1894.

A Leeds man, aged 22, has given of his blood for seven transfusions during the past eighteen months. Out of gratitude for the treatment he received in the infirmary he offered himself as a volunteer for transfusion. He was found to be what is known as a universal donor, which means his blood can be transfused to any patient.

During 1926, 170 district ambulance classes were formed on the L.N.E.R., at which nearly 4,200 of the Company's employees who were desirous of obtaining a knowledge of first-aid work attended. No less than 3,788 members of these classes were successful in qualifying for first-aid certificates or other awards.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has received from the 1st Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, stationed in Egypt, a cheque for £49, its gift to the lifeboat service for 1926. The same battalion headed the list of contributions from the Army in 1925 with £49, and in 1924 with £50.

"Pearly kings and queens," Peers of the Realm, and members of Parliament took part in the annual dance of the London coveys at Hoxton on January 19. During the evening Princess Marie Louise took part in a set of lancers, one of her partners being a covey attired as a "pearly king" whose suit bore some 16,000 pearl buttons.

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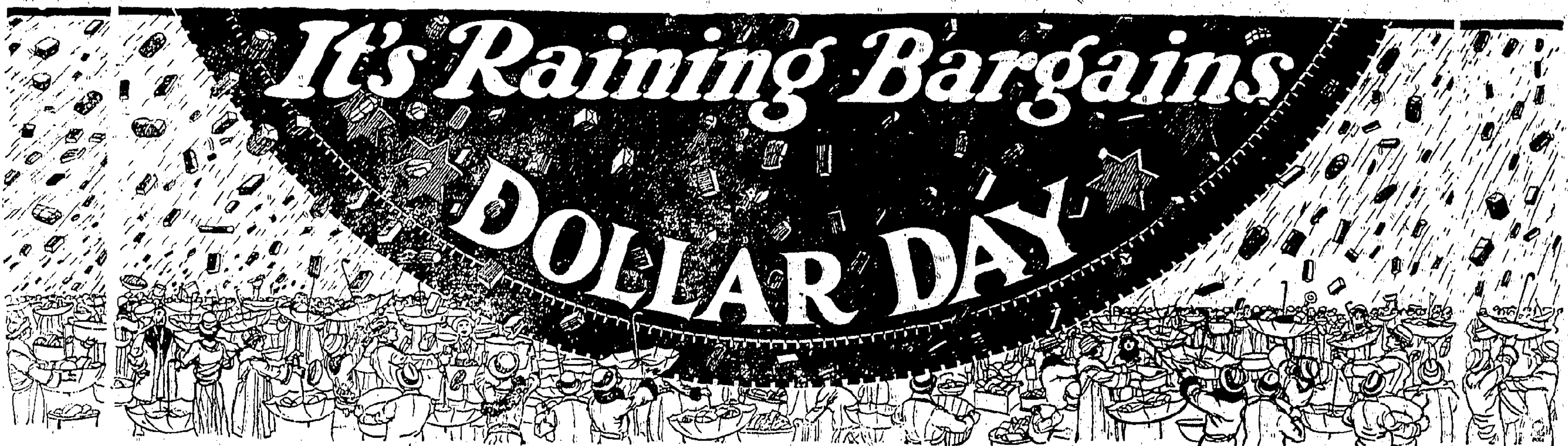
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INWARD MAILS.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Europe via Nagapatam (papers only, London 27th Jan.)	Kanagawa Maru.
Europe via Nagapatam (letters only, London 27th Jan.)	Albert Voegler.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Manila	Pres. Jefferson.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Wilson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln.
TUESDAY, MARCH 1	
Shanghai	Angkor.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	
Saigon	Paul Lecat.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Shantung 2.30 p.m. Peking 1.30 p.m. Chekiang 5 p.m. Dorcy 5 p.m. Pao Sang 5 p.m. Wong Shek Kung 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru 8.30 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kwangchow 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia 9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
Straits	Chaksang 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 24th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15. Letters 5 p.m.	
Manila	President Jefferson 5 p.m.
Amoy	Pres. Wilson 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 1	
South Africa	Montevideo Maru 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tikalak 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Hai Ching Noon
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 1st April. Registration 12.40 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	
Shanghai	Angkor 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Rhezanor 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	
Shanghai & Japan	Hopsang 12.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 3	
Straits	Paul Lecat 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 4	
Java via Batavia	Van Heutz 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Tikini 10.30 a.m. Hai Ning 1 p.m.

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STRAW IN THE WIND.

COOLIDGE AND AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

FARMERS BILL VETOED.

Washington, Feb. 25. President Coolidge has vetoed the Farm Relief Bill—Reuter's American Service.

"Unsound."

Washington, Feb. 25. President Coolidge has found the Bill economically unsound and has declared that the equalisation fee on cotton, corn, wheat, rice, hogs and tobacco amounted to discrimination in price-fixing and an economic fallacy which would not benefit the farmer while raising the cost of living. Mr. Coolidge also quoted the opinion of the Attorney-General that the measure is not constitutional—Reuter's American Service.

A Washington cable dated Feb. 18 stated:—An interesting situation has been created as a result of the House of Representatives passing the Farm Relief Bill which caused the liveliest controversy. The Bill was largely supported by important agricultural interests in the Middle West, but was strongly opposed in the East. President Coolidge and Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, were known to disapprove of the measure, but the question arises whether President Coolidge can afford to lose the farmer's vote by vetoing the Bill in the event of his intending to stand for the Presidency next year.

MALARIA MENACE.

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN MALAYA.

FAMOUS EXPERT'S VIEWS.

London, Feb. 25. Sir Ronald Ross, the famous malaria expert, interviewed on his arrival home after studying tropical diseases in the East, said the medical authorities were devoting greater attention to combating malaria in Malaysia, where the planters realised the value of prevention of disease. They had not sufficiently advanced in India—Reuter.

SOVIET'S REPLY.

BRITISH NOTE "MISSES THE MARK."

Moscow, Feb. 25. Referring to the "Intolerable tone of the British Note," the Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" declares that it misses the mark and contains no specific charges justifying either its presentation or its threat to abrogate the Trade Agreement or even the severance of diplomatic relations. Regarding the charges against the politicians, the Soviet, in calling for a World Revolution, claims that the Soviet has never undertaken to prevent Russian individuals or members of the Government from voicing on Soviet territory their firm belief in an inevitable world revolution—Reuter.

SEAPLANE CRASHES.

TRAGEDY 30 MILES FROM SHORE.

Bizerta (Tunis), Feb. 25. A naval seaplane cruising thirty miles off the coast fell into the sea aflame with the five occupants. A gunboat rushed to the rescue and found one injured man clinging to the plane wings. Others were discovered dead with the wreck—Reuter.

OFF THE PRAYA.

GOODES TRUCK FALLS INTO SAMPAN.

A curious accident involving truck car No. 23, a (hand) goods truck No. 218 and cargo-boat No. 3,110 occurred on the Praya, near the Western Market yesterday. The truck collided with the tram. The impact was such that the truck was thrown clear of the lines and ran over the seawall to fall with a crash into the junk. Damage to her craft is assessed by the mistress at \$100. Nobody was injured.

Washington, Feb. 25.—After consulting with President Coolidge, Mr. Kellogg has written to Senator Borah stating that the Government sees no necessity for a visit to Central America by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee proposed in Senator Borah's motion—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH INDUSTRY.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT THE FAIR.

A COMMENT ON TYPEWRITERS.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

The King and Queen to-day visited the British Industries Fair in London. Their Majesties made a thorough inspection of the exhibits, being particularly interested in those of the Dominions and Colonies.

His Majesty asked, and was given, much information about the progress of the various Empire industries. He expressed his congratulations on the increase of the Rhodesian tobacco crop.

When the King visited the British Industries Fair last year, he remarked that it was a scandal that foreign typewriters should be used in this country in preference to British machine. He was told to-day of an increase of 400 per cent in orders for British typewriters since the last exhibition.

On leaving, the King and the Queen assured the organisers that it was the best British Industries Fair that they had seen.—British Wireless Service.

Believed to have taken lysol, a Chinese woman from No. 43, Pottinger Street (3rd floor) is now in the Government Civil Hospital.

EMPIRE BONDS.

VITAL IMPORTANCE OF AIRWAYS.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S TRIP.

Rugby, Feb. 25.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare, were the guests of the Overseas League at a lunch in celebration of their recent flight to India.

Sir Samuel Hoare said: "I am more convinced the more I study Empire questions that the British Empire depends first and foremost upon its communications, and the aeroplane and airship are instruments that can give us that quicker and closer intercourse which will bring closer unity."

"I look back on the tour as the beginning of a better system of intercourse between one end of the Empire and the other, and as an instrument in making it easier for us to solve our problems and to understand each other's viewpoint."—British Wireless Service.

One case of diphtheria, "British," and one of small-pox, Chinese, were notified yesterday.

Knocked down in Queen's Road Central yesterday by private motor-car No. 1,111, a Chinese man was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday for treatment of his injuries.

HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON.

In the event of consignees not taking delivery of the undermentioned goods by the 11th March, they will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION to defray cost of storage, etc.

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"Helene"	Chop Jang Kit	1 case Glassware	5/2/26
"Machon"	WOC	1 case Hardware	6/3/26
"Troilus"	C H C GB&Co.	1 case Beer	4/4/26
"Agapenor"	Pedeuco	1 case Samples	2/6/26
"Eumaeus"	I MAC I	2 boxes Tinplates	11/6/26
"Keemun"	N/M	4 boxes Tinplates	7/7/26
"Asphalion"	VQC	1 cask Oil	18/8/26
"Telemachus"	ITC	1 box Tinplates	19/8/26
"Euryades"	1 1/2 pcl.	3 bags Soda	19/8/26
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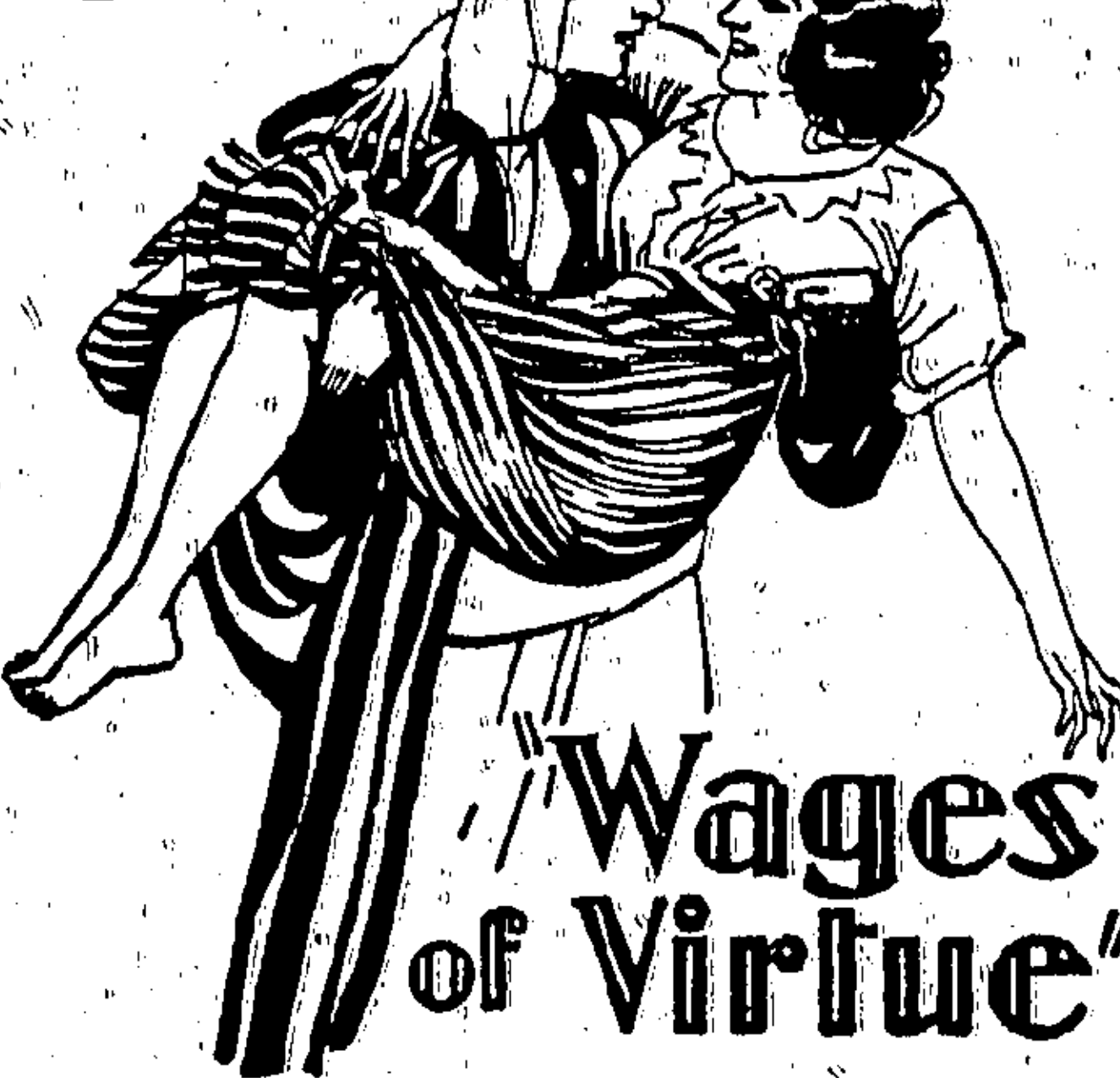
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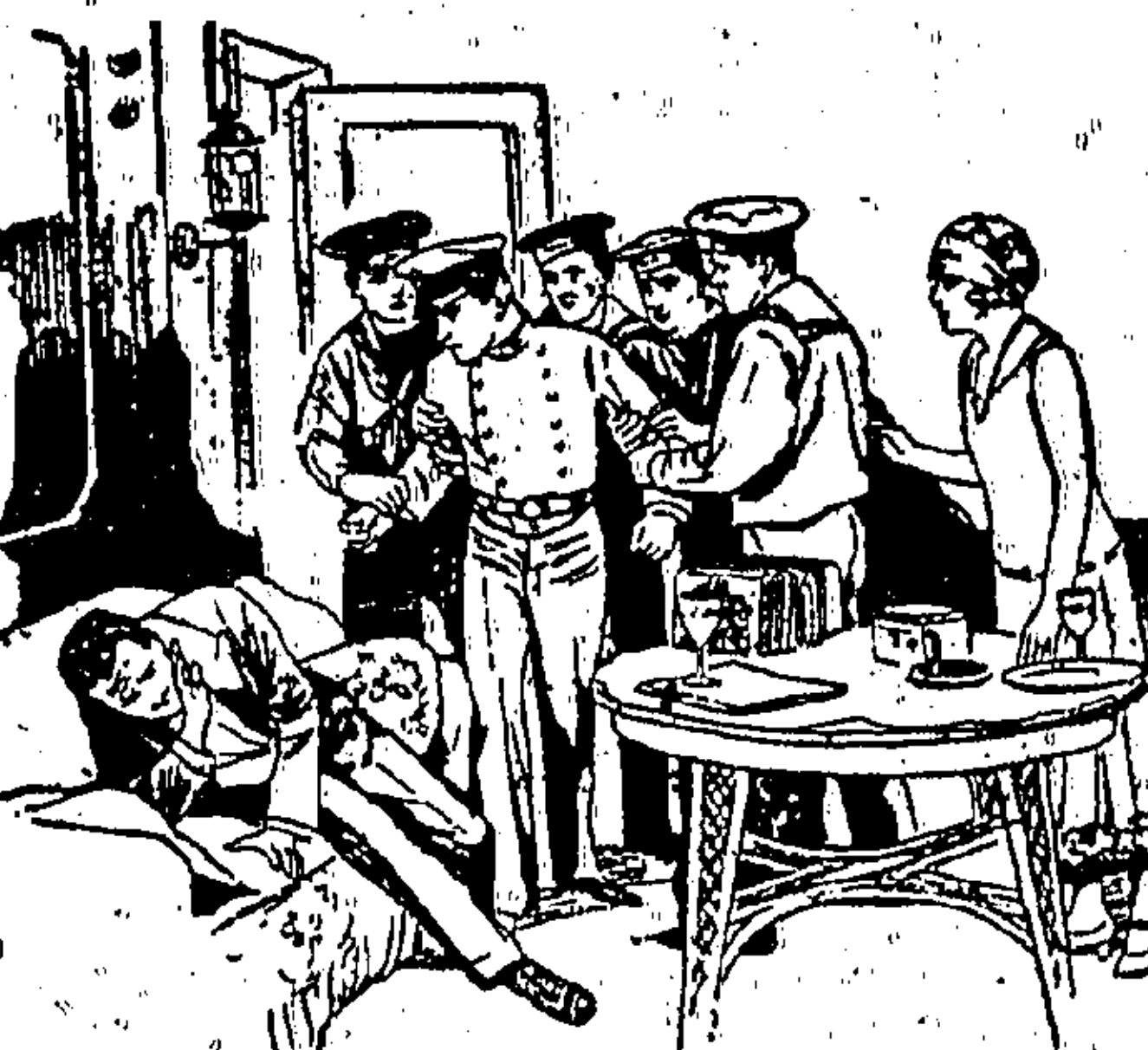
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